

FOREIGN EXCHANGE NOTICES FACT SHEET – EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS (INDIVIDUALS)

WHAT ARE FOREIGN EXCHANGE NOTICES?

The Foreign Exchange Notices (“FE Notices”) are a set of rules administered by Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) under the Financial Services Act 2013 and Islamic Financial Services Act 2013 to safeguard the value of the Ringgit Malaysia (“Ringgit”).

You are advised to read and understand the FE Notices and ensure all activities performed for account/s maintained with Hong Leong Bank Berhad and/or Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad (“the Bank”) comply with FE Notices at all times.

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT?

The applicable rules within the FE Notices differ between Residents and Non-Residents.

BNM’s definitions of Residents and Non-Residents are as set out in the Financial Services Act 2013, please refer to the table below (for guidance):

Citizenship	Permanent Resident Status of a country outside Malaysia	Length of time residing outside Malaysia	Residency Status	Citizenship	Permanent Resident Status in Malaysia	Length of time residing in Malaysia	Residency Status
Malaysian Citizen	No	N/A	Resident	Non-Malaysian Citizen	No	N/A	Non-Resident
	Yes	> 182 days*	Non-Resident		Yes	> 182 days*	Resident
< 182 days*		Resident	< 182 days*	Non-Resident			

* Computation of 182 days is based on per calendar years and need not be a continuous basis.

WHAT IS AN EXTERNAL ACCOUNT?

If you are a Non-Resident customer, any Ringgit account/s you maintain with the Bank shall be classified as External Account. An External Account can be opened:

- individually by a sole Non-Resident customer;
- jointly between individual customers who are all Non-Residents;
- jointly between an individual Non-Resident customer and an individual Resident customer.
(Note: Joint account of a Non-Resident customer and a Resident customer who are legal spouses is not classified as External Account)
- In Trust for or on behalf of a Non-Resident beneficiary (eg. 3-in-1 Junior Account/-i and Junior Savings Accounts/-i)
(Note: If the beneficiary is a Resident, the Trust account is not classified as External Account)

WHAT ARE THE RULES APPLICABLE TO AN EXTERNAL ACCOUNT?

As an External Account holder, your account shall be subjected to requirements, restrictions and conditions set out in the FE Notices issued by BNM.

The operations, sources and uses of funds into and from an External Account are exempted from further Bank verification for the following transactions:

- RM10,000 per transactions for any purpose; or
- Any amount of:
 - cash of withdrawals over-the-counter; or
 - transfers between External Accounts of the same accountholder.

The Bank would require documentary evidence as part of the Bank’s due diligence process to ensure compliance with FE Notices for transactions which were not specified as above.

However, the above restrictions are not applicable to the following:

- Non-Resident customer who participates in the Malaysia My Second Home Programme; or
- Non-Resident customer who is working or studying in Malaysia (with a valid work permit or student pass and visa) including the customer’s spouse, child or parent who is staying with them in Malaysia.

IMPORTANT:

Information contained in this document is not meant to be comprehensive and to be used only as a general guide for customers. You are advised to refer to the full and latest FE Notices, which are available on Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)’s website (www.bnm.gov.my).