

Guidelines for Overseas Pakistanis – Biometric Verification of Accounts

State Bank of Pakistan has issued guidelines vide BPRD Circular Letter No.16 dated 03.06.2019 for Overseas Pakistanis for obtaining exemption in respect of Biometric Verification of their accounts :

Non-resident Pakistanis (NRPs):

Non-resident Pakistanis (NRPs) are advised to share following documents through email (registered with Bank) or courier as a proof of NRP Status to their parent branch:

1. Copy of valid passport, visa, exit stamp, resident permit, etc.
2. Copy of valid ID card (CNIC/ NICOP).
3. Undertaking for Exemption of Biometric Verification of Account.

Non-resident Pakistanis (NRPs)

Non-resident Pakistanis (NRPs) as defined in Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 – Chapter 5, Division II, Section 82:"A person shall be a non-resident person for a tax year if the person is not present in Pakistan for a period of, or periods amounting in aggregate to, one hundred and eighty-three days or more in the tax year"

Resident Pakistanis Temporarily Outside Pakistan:

Customers who do not qualify under the definition of NRP, but are currently/ temporarily outside Pakistan for any reason are advised to share via email (registered with Bank) or courier following evidence/proof regarding their absence from the country to their parent branch:

1. Copy of valid passport, visa, exit stamp, resident permit, etc.
2. Copy of valid ID card (CNIC/ NICOP).
3. Undertaking for Exemption of Biometric Verification of Account.

Please note that exemption for Biometric verification in accounts of temporarily abroad resident Pakistanis shall be invalid after expected date of return or 6 months (which ever fall earlier).

Note :

In case of Joint Account , treatment of biometric verification shall be as per respective status of each individual.

Please feel free to contact your branch or call +92 42 -111-267-200 for any queries