

Singapore Savings Bonds (SSB) Factsheet

Main features

Safe

Fully backed by the Singapore Government. In addition, you can always get your investment amount back in full - no capital losses.

Invest for the long term

Invest up to 10 years and earn interest that “step up” or increases over time. The longer you save, the higher your return.

Flexible redemption

Get your funds back within a month, with no penalty. You do not have to decide on your investment period at the start.

How can you benefit?

Saving for retirement

A safe and flexible way to maintain the value of your nest egg.

Setting money aside for “rainy days”

Earn step-up interest on your savings and get quick access to your cash when you need it.

Diversifying your investments

Diversify the risks in your portfolio by allocating a portion to Savings Bonds.

Why is the Government introducing Savings Bonds?

- To provide individuals with a safe and flexible way to save for the long term.

Product information

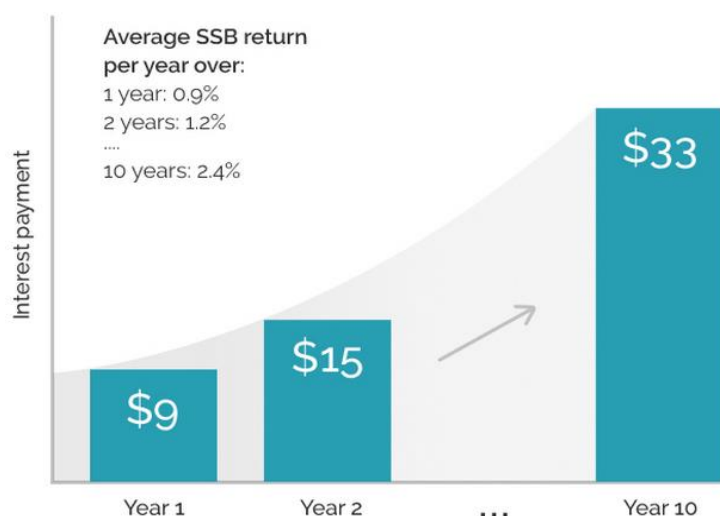
Item	Details
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals, 18 years and above
Issuer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Government
Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 years
Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid every 6 months • Rates are fixed based on the average Singapore Government Securities (SGS) yields the month before, and are locked in for each Savings Bond issue
Issuance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly
Redemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly, with no penalty • Principal and any accrued interest will be paid • In multiples of \$500
Investment amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of \$500, and in subsequent multiples of \$500 • Since 1 Feb 2019, the Individual Limit has been raised to \$200,000
Non-transferable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investors cannot transfer ownership of their bonds to another person
Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest income is exempt from tax

How much return can I get?

- If you hold your Savings Bond for the full 10 years, the average return per year on your investment will match the returns of a 10-year SGS at the point of your investment. In the last 10 years, the 10-year SGS yield has generally been between 2% to 3%.
- If you decide to redeem your Savings Bond early, you will receive a lower return. In general, an investor who holds a Savings Bond for a given number of years would receive an average return similar to that of an SGS of the same tenor.

Step-up interest: How it works

Let's say you applied for \$1,000 of Savings Bonds in July 2015, which pays interest based on June 2015 SGS rates. (Figures below are for illustrative purposes only.)



- In the first year, you will earn \$9 of interest, or a return of 0.9% over your 1-year investment period. In the second year, you will receive \$15 of interest. On average over 2 years, you would have earned a return of about 1.2% per year.
- The interest steps up over time. In the tenth year, you will receive \$33 of interest. Based on the interest you receive from the first to the tenth year, your effective return is 2.4% per year.

Applying for and redeeming Savings Bonds using Cash

Before you apply	Apply and redeem through ATMs and Internet Banking	What happens next
Please have ready <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A bank account with one of the participating banks (currently DBS/POSB, OCBC or UOB) ✓ An individual Central Depository (CDP) Securities account with direct crediting service (DCS) activated 	Apply through DBS/POSB, OCBC or UOB ATMs or Internet Banking, or OCBC's mobile application. Please have your CDP account number ready when you apply. Do note that you will not be able to apply or redeem Savings Bonds over the bank counters in person. Money will be deducted at the point of application from the bank account tied to your ATM card. Do note that a non-refundable \$2 transaction fee will be charged by the banks for each application and redemption request.	Successful applicants will be notified by CDP via mail. Interest will be automatically credited into the bank account that is linked to your CDP Securities account. For redemptions, CDP will notify you via mail once your redemption requests have been processed. Proceeds will be credited into your bank account linked to your CDP account by the 2 nd business day of the following month.

Getting started – setting up your CDP Securities account and Direct Crediting Service (DCS)

- If you are applying for Savings Bonds using cash, you will need to have an individual CDP Securities account with DCS activated.
- You can open your CDP account by downloading and completing the application form online and mailing the completed form to CDP. Visit <http://www.sgx.com/cdp/faq> for more information. Alternatively, you may visit the CDP Customer Service Centre (9 North Buona Vista Drive, #01-19/20 The Metropolis, Singapore 138588) or any SGX Securities broker in person.

If you already have a CDP account, you can apply for DCS online through the CDP internet service or by downloading and completing the application form and mailing the completed form to CDP. You can also choose to visit the CDP Customer Service Centre with your NRIC or passport.

[New! From 1 Feb 2019] Applying for and redeeming Savings Bonds using Supplementary Retirement Scheme (SRS) funds

Before you apply	Apply and redeem through Internet Banking	What happens next
<p>Please have ready</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A SRS account with one of the SRS Operators (currently DBS/POSB, OCBC or UOB) ✓ Sufficient funds in your SRS account. This would include the amount that you are applying for plus a S\$2 transaction fee. 	<p>Apply through the Internet Banking portal of your SRS Operator (DBS/POSB, OCBC or UOB). Do note that you will not be able to apply or redeem Savings Bonds over the bank counters in person.</p> <p>At the point of application, banks will lock, or earmark, the SRS funds that will be used for your Savings Bonds purchase.</p> <p>Do note that a non-refundable \$2 transaction fee will be charged by the banks for each application and redemption request.</p>	<p>Successful applicants will be notified by banks by mail. Interest will be automatically credited into your SRS account every 6 months.</p> <p>For redemptions, banks will notify you via mail once your redemption requests have been processed. Proceeds will be credited into your SRS account by the 2nd business day of the following month.</p>

CPF funds are currently not eligible for Savings Bonds applications.