

Latest Regulations – February 2019

This section contains a summary of the main regulations implemented by the BCRA during the month, related to the business of financial intermediation. **They are referenced by the date of publication.**

Communication "A" 6646 – February 8, 2019 | Guidelines were established for financial institutions to prepare and report to the BCRA their business plans and forecasts, and the reports on capital adequacy self-assessment for the 2019/2020 period. Under the streamlining process carried out by the BCRA, it was decided to simplify the submission of information on “stress tests” for financial institutions belonging to Group B, when they perform stress tests on their relevant risks using sensitivity analysis. A monthly variable related to the forecast of the private sector non-performing portfolio was added to the set of “variables for stress testing”.

Communication "A" 6647 – February 8, 2019 | A maximum limit was established for the daily net position recorded by financial institutions in LELIQs and repo loans in pesos against the BCRA; such limit may be the higher of the Adjusted Stockholders’ Equity (RPC) of the previous month or 65% of the monthly average of daily stocks of total deposits in pesos (excluding those of the financial sector) of the previous month. The BCRA established that any financial institutions that as of January 7, 2019 exceed such limit may not increase their position, and must comply with the following schedule:

- (i) As of February 28, 2019, the position may not exceed the higher of the RPC recorded by the institution in January 2019 or 100% of the monthly average of daily stocks of total deposits in pesos (excluding those of the financial sector) of January 2019.
- (ii) As of March 31, 2019 the position may not exceed the higher of the RPC recorded by the institution in February 2019 or 80% of the monthly average of daily stocks of total deposits in pesos (excluding those of the financial sector) of February 2019.
- (iii) As from, and including, April 30, 2019, they must comply with the general limit.

In the event of exceeding the limits, financial institutions shall be imposed the charge set forth in the provisions on [“Minimum cash requirement”](#).

Later on, this regulation was amended by **Communication "A" 6661 dated March 28, 2019**. Effective as from March 28, 2019, the BCRA established that the daily net position recorded by financial institutions in LELIQs in pesos against the BCRA may not exceed the higher of: (i) the Adjusted Stockholders’ Equity (RPC) of the previous month and (ii) 100% of the monthly average of daily stocks of total deposits in pesos –excluding those of the financial sector– plus the residual value of their Corporate Bonds in pesos –issued until February 8, 2019–, during the current month.

Communication "A" 6654 – February 28, 2019 | The BCRA amended the provisions on [“Application of the Deposit Insurance Scheme”](#), and established that, as from March 1, 2019, the limit for deposit guarantee was increased from \$450,000 up to \$1 million.