Capital Adequacy (Credit Risk- Standardised Approach & Advanced Approaches)

Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

- It is an international body that sets global regulatory standards for banks to ensure financial stability and reduce systemic risk.
- It was established by the central bank governors of the Group of Ten (G-10) countries in 1974

☑ Establishment of the Basel Committee (1974) ☑

Formed by G10 nations in response to global financial instability.

⊘Originally called **Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices**.

Objective: Strengthen **global financial stability** and improve

banking supervision.

Served as a platform for **cooperation among member nations** on banking regulations.

Basel-I Accord (1988)

- ✓ Introduced minimum capital requirements for banks.
- Set Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) at 8% (to be implemented by 1992).
- Applied risk weights to assets both on & off balance sheets.
- √India adopted Basel-I in April 1992 (implementation spread over 3 years).

! Key Takeaway:

 Focused only on credit risk and required banks to maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of 8%.

☑ Basel-II Accord (2004) ②

- ✓ Introduced three pillars for risk management:
 1☑ Minimum Capital Requirements (Credit Risk, Market Risk &
 Operational
 Risk).
- 22 Supervisory Review Process (Regulatory oversight on risk management).
- 3② Market Discipline (Transparency in risk disclosures). ✓Encouraged use of external credit ratings for risk weighting. ✓Banks had to assess Operational Risk in addition to Credit & Market Risk.

India's Basel-II Adoption:

- RBI issued Basel-II guidelines in June 2004.
- Initially applied to foreign banks & Indian banks with international presence.
- Later extended to all scheduled commercial banks.
- ♦ Basel-III Accord (2010) 💼

- Developed in response to the 2008 Global Financial Crisis.
- **Stronger capital requirements** for banks to withstand financial shocks.
- ✓Introduced Leverage Ratio (restricts excessive borrowing).
- ✓Introduced Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) & Net Stable
 Funding
 Ratio
 (NSFR).
- ✓ Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital increased to 4.5%
 (previously 2% under Basel-II).
- **Countercyclical Buffer** (to be built up in good times for use in downturns).

India's Basel-III Implementation:

• Implemented phased approach starting from 2013.

- Initially planned for full implementation by March 2019, later extended.
- Minimum CRAR requirement raised to 9% + additional buffers.

★ Why Basel Norms Matter? Q

- Ensure financial stability & prevent banking crises.
- ✓ Prevent bank failures due to inadequate capital buffers.
- **∜Enhance risk management** in banks.
- Capital Adequacy & Risk Management in Banks
- **♦ 7.2.1 Capital: The Core of Financial Stability** <a>☑

⊘Objective: Ensure banks have enough **capital buffer** to absorb losses and maintain stability.

∜Capital Classification:

- Tier I Capital (Core Capital): Highest quality capital, fully available to absorb losses.
- Tier II Capital (Supplementary Capital): Lower loss absorption capacity, consists of reserves and subordinated debt.

☑ Tier I Capital: √Common Equity Tier I (CET1):

- Paid-up equity capital
- Share premium
- Statutory & disclosed free reserves
- Capital reserves (from sale of assets)
- Profit & Loss balance from previous FY
- **Revaluation reserve** (discounted by 55%)

√Additional Tier I (AT1):

- Perpetual non-cumulative preference shares
- Eligible debt capital instruments
- Any other instrument notified by RBI

Tier II Capital:

√Includes:

- General provisions & loss reserves
- Debt capital instruments
- Preference share capital
- Surplus from Tier II capital instruments
- Any other instrument notified by RBI

Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)

◇Definition: Banks that are "Too Big to Fail" due to their systemic importance.

⊘RBI classifies D-SIBs into **buckets based on Systemic Importance Scores (SISs)**.

Additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital requirement applies.

★Foreign banks classified as Global Systemically Important
 Banks (G-SIBs) also require additional CET1 buffer in India.

Why It Matters?

 Prevents severe financial instability in case of failure of a large bank.

• Ensures higher capital reserves to absorb potential shocks.

♦ 7.2.2 Credit Risk <u>↑</u>

Definition: Risk that a borrower **fails to meet obligations**, causing financial loss.

⊗Sources:

- Loans & advances
- Off-balance sheet items
- Interbank transactions
- Cross-border transactions
- **!** Key Aspects of Credit Risk Management:
- ✓ Transaction Risk: Risk at the individual borrower level.
- ✓ Portfolio Risk: Risk at the aggregate loan book level.

✓ Counterparty Risk: Risk of non-performance in trading & settlements.

⊘Objective:

- Keep credit risk within acceptable limits.
- Maximize risk-adjusted returns while ensuring capital adequacy.

♦ 7.2.3 Market Risk

Definition: Risk of financial loss due to changes in market prices.

Key Market Risk Factors:

- Interest Rate Risk: Fluctuations in lending/borrowing rates.
- Exchange Rate Risk: Impact of currency movements.
- Stock Price Risk: Volatility in equity markets.

 Commodity Price Risk: Changes in raw material & trading prices.

Impact on Banks:

- Affects earnings & capital stability.
- Requires active monitoring & hedging strategies.

♦ 7.2.4 Operational Risk

Definition: Risk of loss due to failed internal processes, human errors, or external events.

Examples:

- Fraud & cyber threats
- System failures & IT disruptions
- Regulatory non-compliance
- Business continuity risks

Management of Operational Risk:

- ✓Risk Identification & Assessment (Process Mapping, Root Cause Analysis).
- ✓ Monitoring & Reporting (Risk Indicators, Internal Audits).
- ✓Control & Mitigation (Automation, Employee Training, Business Continuity Plans).

Key Role of Senior Management & Board:

- Promote risk culture in the organization.
- Ensure robust operational processes to minimize losses.

Why Capital Adequacy & Risk Management Matter?

- ✓ Reduces default risk & prevents banking crises.

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✓ Regulatory compliance with RBI & Basel norms.

✓Enhances investor & depositor confidence in the banking system.

Basel III Framework: Strengthening Banking Stability & Risk

Management

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) implemented Basel III in phases from April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2019, with additional measures applied as needed.

7.4 Basel III Framework: Key Enhancements

- **Higher Capital Requirements** for increased financial resilience.
- Improved Risk Coverage by addressing new risks like liquidity and leverage.

• **Stronger Leverage & Liquidity Ratios** to reduce excessive risktaking.

7.4.1 Pillar I: Minimum Capital Requirements (§)

- Capital Adequacy Guidelines by RBI (Master Circular, July 1, 2015)
- 12 Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) 2
- **⊗Banks must maintain a minimum CRAR of 9% on an ongoing basis.**
- ⊗ Banks need to assess their own risk profile to maintain adequate capital beyond the minimum required.
 ⊗ Capital adequacy is measured as follows:

Formula:

- Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio =
 CET1 Capital ÷ (Credit Risk RWA + Market Risk RWA +
 Operational Risk RWA)
- •Tier 1 Capital Ratio =

 Tier 1 Capital ÷ (Credit Risk RWA + Market Risk RWA +

 Operational Risk RWA)
- ●Total Capital Ratio =

 Total Capital (Tier 1 + Tier 2) ÷ (Credit Risk RWA + Market Risk RWA + Operational Risk RWA)
- RWA (Risk-Weighted Assets): Weighted measure of assets based on risk exposure.

EComponents of Capital: Tier 1 & Tier 2 🏠

- Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)
- Additional Tier 1 (AT1)

☑ Tier 2 Capital (Gone-Concern Capital) → Absorbs losses when bank fails

3 Capital Requirements Under Basel III

Regulatory Capital	% of RWAs
Minimum CET1 Ratio	5.5%
Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB)	2.5%
Minimum CET1 + CCB	8.0%
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital	1.5%
Minimum Tier 1 Capital (CET1 + AT1)	7.0%
Tier 2 Capital	2.0%

Minimum Total Capital Ratio (CRAR)	9.0%	
Minimum CRAR + CCB	11.5%	

42 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) Capital

∜For Indian Banks

- Paid-up equity capital
- Share premium reserves
- Statutory & capital reserves
- Disclosed free reserves
- Balance in Profit & Loss Account

- Revaluation reserves (discounted 55%)
- Foreign currency translation reserve (discounted 25%)

∜For Foreign Bank Branches in India

- Head Office interest-free funds for capital adequacy
- Retained earnings & statutory reserves in Indian books
- Capital reserve from asset sales (not repatriable)

Deductions Applied:

- Goodwill, deferred tax assets, pension fund assets
- Investments in other banks' capital
 - Securitization gains, unrealized credit risk gains

52 Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital

∜For Indian Banks

- Perpetual Non-Cumulative Preference Shares (PNCPS)
- Eligible debt capital instruments
- Stock surplus from issuing AT1 instruments
- Third-party AT1 instruments in consolidated subsidiaries

For Foreign Bank Branches

- Head Office borrowings for AT1 capital
- AT1 capital must be loss-absorbing (can be written off or converted to equity in distress).

62 Tier 2 Capital

∜For Indian Banks

- General provisions & loss reserves
- Debt capital instruments & preference shares

- Revaluation reserves (if not in CET1) discounted 55%
- **∜For Foreign Banks in India**
- Head Office borrowings in foreign currency

72 Minority Interest & Regulatory Adjustments

- Only capital issued by fully consolidated subsidiaries can be counted.
- Investments in own shares & related entities are deducted.

2 7.4.2 Pillar II: Supervisory Review & ICAAP 2

- **Supervisory Review & Evaluation Process (SREP)**
- RBI ensures that banks hold capital in line with their risk profile.

- Focuses on bank-specific risks like liquidity, market, and operational risks.
- **★**Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP)
- Banks must submit a Board-approved ICAAP report to RBI annually (by June 30).
- Must forecast capital needs & demonstrate risk management practices.

7.4.3 Pillar III: Market Discipline

- **∜Transparency & Public Disclosures**
- Banks must **publish key financial & risk-related information**.
- Allows market participants to assess bank stability.

Mandatory Disclosures Include:

- Capital structure & adequacy
- Risk exposures & management strategies
- Credit risk, market risk, and operational risk data

Basel III: Why It Matters for Banks 2

∀ Higher capital buffers = Stronger banking system

⊘ Better risk management = Fewer bank failures

⊘ Enhanced transparency = More market confidence

Lower financial crises probability

Basel III sets the foundation for a more resilient global banking system by ensuring banks are better prepared for financial shocks.

Basel III: Calculation of Minimum Capital Requirement & Credit Risks 2

Under **Basel III**, banks are required to calculate their **Minimum Capital Requirement** under **Pillar 1**. The framework offers three distinct options for:

- Credit Risk Calculation:
- 1. Standardized Approach (SA)
- 2. Foundation Internal Ratings-Based (F-IRB) Approach
- 3. Advanced Internal Ratings-Based (A-IRB) Approach
- Operational Risk Calculation:
- 1. Basic Indicator Approach (BIA)
- 2. Standardized Approach (SA)
- 3. Advanced Measurement Approach (AMA)

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7.6 Capital for Credit Risks

12 7.6.1 Standardized Approach (SA) 2

The **Standardized Approach (SA)** calculates **Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA)** as:

Formula:

Key Features:

- Risk weights depend on borrower category (sovereign, bank, corporate).
- Based on external credit ratings from RBI-approved rating agencies.

 Unrated exposures get higher risk weights to ensure adequate capital.

RBI's 2022 Circular:

Banks **must use only disclosed credit ratings**; non-disclosed ratings will be treated as **unrated with higher risk weights**.

22 7.6.2 Claims Included in the Regulatory Retail Portfolio 2

Retail claims meeting all four qualifying criteria are assigned a risk weight of 75%, except NPAs.

Exclusions from Regulatory Retail Portfolio

- Investments in securities (bonds, equities).
- Mortgage loans secured by residential or commercial property.
- Loans to bank staff secured by superannuation benefits/property.

- Consumer credit (personal loans, credit card receivables).
- Capital market exposures and venture capital funds.

Qualifying Criteria for Retail Portfolio

- (i) Orientation Criterion Exposure to individuals or small businesses with annual turnover ≤ ₹50 crore.
- (ii) Product Criterion Includes term loans, revolving credit, leases, small business facilities.
- (iii) **Granularity Criterion** No single exposure can exceed **0.2%** of the **total retail portfolio**.
- (iv) Low Value Criterion Maximum aggregate retail exposure per borrower ≤ ₹7.5 crore.

Non-performing assets (NPAs) are excluded from granularity assessments

32 7.6.3 Internal Ratings-Based (IRB) Approach 2

Under IRB, banks use their own risk models to assess capital requirements. Two types:

- Foundation IRB (F-IRB): Banks estimate Probability of Default
 (PD); RBI assigns other risk parameters.
- Advanced IRB (A-IRB): Banks estimate all risk components (PD, LGD, EAD, Maturity).

Key Asset Classes Under IRB:

- 1. Corporate
- 2. Sovereign
- 3. Bank

- 4. Retail
- 5. **Equity**
- 6. Others

42 7.6.4 Calculation of Expected Loss (EL) 2

Under A-IRB, banks calculate Expected Loss (EL) using:

Formula:

EL = Probability of Default (PD) × Exposure at Default (EAD) × Loss Given Default (LGD)

? Risk Parameters:

- PD (Probability of Default): % chance a borrower defaults within 1 year.
- •EAD (Exposure at Default): Expected outstanding exposure when default occurs.

• LGD (Loss Given Default): % of EAD likely lost if default occurs.

Additional Adjustments for Systemic Risk:

- Transverse Shocks: Risks spreading between interconnected banks (e.g., consortium lending).
- Longitudinal Shocks: Risks due to economic cycles and financial stress.

Regulatory Capital Calculation Uses:

- PD, LGD, EAD models
- Macro stress tests to estimate impact on capital

Basel III Guidelines (April 1, 2022):

- System-wide PD, LGD, and EAD parameters provide insights into credit risk vulnerabilities.
- Consortium lending & herd lending trends are analyzed to manage systemic risks.



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