

IMPORTANCE & APPLICATION OF RAROC (RISK ADJUSTED RETURN ON CAPITAL)

Why is Fair Pricing of Credit Important?

- Ensures **good profit** for banks and fair cost for borrowers.
- Helps in **managing risks** and maintaining financial health.
- Affects bank stability in terms of **capital adequacy, loan quality & earnings**.

How Banks Decide Loan Interest Rates?

Factors	What it Means?
Cost of Funds	How much the bank pays to get money
Desired Profitability	Expected profit from lending
Risk Factors	Risk involved in giving the loan

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Factors ?	What it Means? ?
Customer Relationship ?	Long-term value of borrower
Market Competition ?	Competitor bank rates

- **Long-term loans** ? : Interest rates depend on financial institution rates, economic conditions & RBI guidelines.
- **Better credit ratings** ? = Lower loan interest rates ? ✓
- **Loan Pricing Mechanism** ? : Banks follow different pricing models like **BPLR, Base Rate, MCLR, EBLR** ?.
- RBI introduced **External Benchmarking** ? to improve transparency in loan pricing ?.

? Why Do Interest Rates Differ for Customers? ?

- Borrowing time affects rates ? (Old vs. New Customers ??).
- Bank's business strategy ? (New customer acquisition = Discounted rates ?).
- **Relationship Banking** ? (Existing customers get better rates ? ✓).
- Policy rate fluctuations ?? impact interest rates.

How to Ensure Fair Loan Pricing? ✓

- Banks use **Risk-Adjusted Return on Capital**.  to measure risk-adjusted returns.
- Helps in setting fair rates based on **risk & capital employed**.
- Ensures **profitability** while keeping loans affordable for customers.

8.3 Theory of Interplay Between Return, Capital & Risk

What is RAROC?

- **Developed in 1970s** by Dan Borge.
- Used by banks to **assess loan risk and returns**.
- Similar concepts: **RORAC (Return on Risk-Adjusted Capital)** and **RARORAC (Risk-Adjusted Return on Risk-Adjusted Capital)**.

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Key Elements of Risk Pricing Model

Factor	Meaning
Interest Rate	Cost of borrowing funds
Default Risk	Chances of borrower not paying back
Recovery Rate	Amount bank can recover in case of default

How Banks Manage Risk in Loan Pricing?

Approach	What it Does?
Risk Factor Premium	Adds credit risk premium to pricing
Credit Fundamentals	Uses company financials to predict defaults
Macroeconomic Approach	Separates industry risks from company risks

Real-Life Examples

Example 1: How Loan Rates Vary Over Time?

Person A took a home loan in 2019 at 8% interest. Person B took the same loan in 2023 but at 9.5%. Why? Because policy rates increased.

Example 2: Impact of Credit Rating on Loan Rates

- Company X (AAA-rated) gets a business loan at 7% interest.
- Company Y (BB-rated) gets a loan at 11% interest. Why? Higher risk = Higher loan cost.




8.3.1 Risk-Adjusted Performance Measures (RAPMs)

- These are financial metrics used to evaluate the performance of an investment while considering the risk taken to achieve returns.
- These measures help in comparing different investments by adjusting for risk, ensuring that higher returns are not just a result of higher risk-taking.

8.3.2 RORAC (Return On Risk-Adjusted Capital)

- RORAC is a financial metric that helps in evaluating the profitability of an investment while considering the capital at risk.
- It is mainly used to compare different projects or investments that have different levels of risk.

Formula  $RORAC = \text{Net Profit} / \text{Risk Capital}$ 

- Used to compare projects with different risk levels.
- More precise than Internal Rate of Return (IRR) .
- Similar to Return on Equity (ROE), but adjusted for risk .
- Applied in long-term investment assessments .

A company is evaluating two investment projects . Project X has a net profit of ₹500 crore and risk capital of ₹2,500 crore. Project Y has a net profit of ₹500 crore and risk capital of ₹3,500 crore. Using the RORAC formula, calculate the RORAC for both projects and determine which one is better.

Formula  $RORAC = \text{Net Profit} / \text{Risk Capital}$ 

📌 8.3.3 RARORAC (Risk Adjusted Return On Risk Adjusted Capital) 📈

- RARORAC is a financial metric used to measure the return generated by an **investment after adjusting both the return and the capital for risk.**
- It is an **improved version of RAROC** (Risk-Adjusted Return on Capital) because it considers not just risk-adjusted profits but also risk-adjusted capital.



Formula **$(\text{Net Profit} - \text{Risk Cost} \times \text{Risk Capital}) / \text{Risk Capital}$**

- Enhances risk-adjusted profitability calculations ✓
- Follows **Basel III guidelines** for risk management 📄.
- Helps in **capital allocation and business performance measurement** 📄.

A company is evaluating two projects: **Project A** has a **net profit** of ₹800 crore, **risk capital** of ₹4,000 crore, and **risk cost** of 5%. **Project B** has a **net profit** of ₹600 crore, **risk capital** of ₹3,500 crore, and **risk cost** of 4%.

Formula **(Net Profit - Risk Cost x Risk Capital) / Risk Capital**

8.3.4 RAROC (Risk-Adjusted Return On Capital)

- RAROC is a financial metric used to **measure the return an investment generates after adjusting for risk.**
- It helps banks, investors, and companies understand whether they are getting enough return for the risk they are taking.
- Used for **loan pricing & financial risk evaluation** .
- Considers **credit risk, operational risk & market risk** .
- Recommended by **RBI's Working Group** for fair loan pricing.

$$RAROC = \frac{(Interest\ Income - Expenses) + (Non - Interest\ Income) - Expected\ Loss}{Regulatory\ Capital} \times (1 - Tax\ Rate)$$

Regulatory capital = Credit Risk Capital + Operational Risk capital.

Credit Risk capital = Average Utilization * x CCF (%) x Risk weight (%) x CRAR (%)

- Average utilisation is **average of each quarter end outstanding during the year** (or) outstanding as at end of year, whichever is higher, **after adjusting eligible financial collaterals.**

- (CRAR %) i.e. Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio is the minimum regulatory mandate.

Operational risk capital is 15% of gross income i.e. (Basic Indicator Approach), where Gross income = (Interest Income - Expenses) + Non Interest Income

Credit Conversion Factor: The credit risk exposure has to be first calculated by multiplying the face value of each of items by 'credit conversion factor

(CCF) Rates:

- Fund-Based Credit (FB CC) and Term Loans (TL): **100%**
- Letters of Credit (LC): **20%**
- Performance Bank Guarantees (BG): **50%**
- Financial Bank Guarantees (BG): **100%**
- Derivatives: **15%**
- Undrawn portion of CC/OD \geq INR 150 crore: **20%** (irrespective of cancellability clause).

3. Risk Weights

- Based on credit ratings from domestic rating agencies:

Rating	Risk Weight
AAA	20%
AA	30%
A	50%
BBB	100%

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BB & below	150%
Unrated	100% (or 150% if exposure > INR 200 crore or > INR 100 crore for previously rated entities)

- **Additional Rules:**

- Real estate exposure risk weights vary by size and sector.
- Sovereign guarantees and credit guarantee covers reduce risk weights:

Guarantee Type	Risk Weight
Central Government	0%
State Government	20%
ECGC	20%
Bills discounted under LC	20%

Expected Loss: It is that part of the **average anticipated credit loss that happens in the normal course of business** due to default in exposures and for which banks have to either make provisions or price these effects into their loans

Expected Loss = EAD × PD × LGD

EAD (Exposure at Default): EAD is an estimation of the extent to which a bank may be exposed to a borrower at the time of that borrower's default

PD (Probability of Default): Likelihood of borrower defaulting (borrower-specific).

LGD (Loss Given Default): Loss suffered if default occurs (1 - Recovery Rate).

5. Function of Regulatory Capital

- Covers **Unexpected Losses** (losses beyond expected losses).
- **Unexpected Loss** = Standard deviation of expected losses.
- Regulatory capital acts as a cushion against these unexpected losses.

A bank is evaluating a loan portfolios using RAROC: **Interest Income** = ₹2,000 crore , **Expenses** = ₹500 crore , **Non-Interest Income** = ₹300 crore , **Expected Loss** = ₹200 crore , **Regulatory Capital** = ₹4,000 crore , **Tax Rate** = 30% , calculate the RAROC

$$RAROC = \frac{(Interest\ Income - Expenses) + (Non - Interest\ Income) - Expected\ Loss}{Regulatory\ Capital} \times (1 - Tax\ Rate)$$

8.4 Application of RAROC

- **Risk-gain pricing** is key to effective risk management ✓
- **High-risk borrowers** = Higher interest rates.
- Banks should build **data-driven pricing models** based on:
 - Probability of default.
 - Loan loss provisions.
 - Market forces & future business potential.
- **RAROC ensures fair loan pricing** by covering both **expected & unexpected losses**.
- **Price-cutting without considering risk** can lead to **mispricing & financial instability**.

Uses of RAROC Models:

1 **Loan Pricing**.

2 **Credit Sanctioning Decisions**.

3 **Business Segment Profitability Comparison**.

8.5 RORWA (Return on Risk Weighted Assets)

RORWA is measure of lender's **net earnings on various risk weighted assets** and also an indicator of risk weighted **profitability of a product, portfolio, unit or institution.**

$$\text{RORWA} = (\text{Net Income} / \text{Risk Weighted Assets}) \times 100$$

Two banks, **Bank A** and **Bank B**, are being compared based on their **risk-adjusted profitability using RORWA**. **Bank A** has a **net income** of ₹1,200 crore and **risk-weighted assets (RWA)** of ₹12,000 crore, while **Bank B** has a **net income** of ₹1,500 crore and **RWA** of ₹20,000 crore. Calculate the RORWA for both banks.

8.5.1 Application of RORWA

Use Case	What It Shows?
Product-Level RORWA	Performance of a specific banking product
Portfolio-Level RORWA	Profitability of a loan portfolio
Unit/Branch-Level RORWA	Efficiency of a specific business unit
Industry Benchmarking	Comparison with competitors

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Summary Table ✓

Concept	Definition	Key Application
RAROC	Risk-Adjusted Return on Capital	Loan Pricing & Risk Management
RORAC	Return on Risk-Adjusted Capital	Investment Decisions
RARORAC	Risk-Adjusted Return on Risk-Adjusted Capital	Performance Benchmarking
RORWA	Return on Risk Weighted Assets	Measuring Portfolio & Product Profitability