



Supervision and Control of Financial Institutions
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Circular no.: 21/2020

To: All Banks operating in Qatar

Subject: National Guarantee Program to support the Private Sector

In reference to the circular no.: 7/2020, kindly comply with the following amendments and additions:

First: The companies that benefit from the program:

Contracting and construction companies in the private sector shall be included to the list of companies that shall benefit from the National Guarantee program. Qatar Development Bank (QDB) shall include any other of the sectors that may be affected under the current circumstances.

Third: The size and conditions of finance:

Item (1) of the reference circular, relating to the maximum funding limit, shall be amended as under:

1- The program shall finance for a maximum six months for the salaries that are due and rents payable. The maximum funding limit shall remain at QR 7.5 million for each Qatari ID, with a maximum of QR 2.5 million per month.

4- Banks shall calculate the interest/ return on balance of the finance are amended as under:

A-To support the private sector, government of the State of Qatar through Qatar Development Bank shall pay the full interest/return for the first year (the grace period) at a rate not exceeding 1.5% for the first six months of the finance.

B – And the (1% + QCB Lending Rate) for the remaining of the grace period “the second half of the first year.

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C-The customer shall bear the interest/return on the remaining period (2 years) at a rate not exceeding (2% + QCB Lending Rate) to be paid in full by the customer.

Fourth: Managing the National Guarantee Program:

The following are added:

- 1- All banks must comply with marketing the National Guarantee Programs through the different information channels as, internet sites, social media, and directly through contacting the companies registered at banks or through any other channels and ensure that applications are received easily through the said channels.
- 2- All banks that receive national guarantee program's applications must submit them to Qatar Development Bank (QDB) within maximum two working days.
- 3- All banks shall submit periodically reports to QDB on all the applications received by banks related to the said program whether have been accepted or rejected by the bank. QDB shall prepare forms for such reports and the related formats and the designated system to be used by banks.

All banks shall comply with the above amendments and additions. All other remaining items and paragraphs of the circular 7/2020 remains unchanged and therefore applicable and effective.

These instructions are effective as from the issuance date. All finance applications shall be accepted according to the terms and criteria approved in the program.

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