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## **FAQ**

### Who is a Non Resident Indian (NRI)?

A non-resident Indian (NRI) is an Indian citizen or a person of Indian origin who stays abroad for employment / carrying on business or vocation outside India or stays abroad under circumstances indicating an uncertain duration of stay abroad.

### Who is a Person of India Origin (PIO)?

A Person of Indian Origin means a citizen of any country (other than Bangladesh or Pakistan), if:

- ▶ He at any time held an Indian passport; or
- ▶ He or either of his parents or grand parents was a citizen of India; or
- ▶ He is a spouse of an Indian citizen, or of a person referred to in (a) or (b) above.

#### Can an NRI maintain a bank account in India?

Yes. NRIs can maintain accounts in rupees as well as in foreign currency. Accounts in foreign currencies can, however be maintained with authorized dealers only.

# Can power of attorney holder manage portfolio on behalf of NRIs?

Yes. A power of attorney holder can manage portfolio on behalf of NRIs. However, he cannot effect remittance outside India. With internet trading, life of NRIs has become easy for portfolio investments.

# What are the different types of rupee accounts permitted to be maintained?

Four types of rupee accounts viz.

- ▶ NRE: Non-resident (External) Rupee Accounts
- ▶ NRO: Non-resident Rupee (Ordinary) Accounts
- ▶ NRSR: Non-Resident (Special) Rupee (NRSR) Account, and
- ▶ NRNR: Non-resident (Non-repatriable) Rupee deposit accounts (NRNR) are permitted to be maintained by NRIs.

### What are NRE and NRO accounts?

- ▶ Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) account is a Rupee account from which funds are freely repatriable. It can be opened with either funds remitted from abroad or local funds which can be remitted abroad.
- Non-Resident Ordinary Rupee (NRO) account is a Rupee account and can be opened with funds either remitted from abroad or generated in India. The amounts in such account are generally non repatriable. However, funds in

NRO accounts can be repatriated subject to /a s per various directives in force at the time of repatriation. More details can be found on RBI website www.rbi.org.in

# What is the distinction among NRE, NRO and NRSR Accounts?

Balances held in NRE accounts can be repatriated abroad freely, whereas funds in NRSR and NRO account cannot be remitted abroad but have to be used only for local payments in rupees. Consequently, funds remitted from abroad or local funds which can otherwise be remitted abroad to the account holder can only be credited to NRE accounts. Funds due to the non-resident account holder which do not qualify, under the Exchange Control regulations, for remittance outside India are required to be credited to NRO accounts.

The account holder can freely transfer funds from NRO/NRE/FCNR accounts to NRSR account but transfer of funds from NRSR account to other accounts of NRI is not permissible irrespective of the source of funds.

However funds in NRO accounts can be repatriated subject to / as per various directives in force at the time of repatriation. More details can be found on RBI website, www.rbi.org.in Snapshot

Type of account	Currency	Repatriable / Non Repatriable
NRE - Non Resident External	INR	Freely Repatriable
NRO - Non Resident Ordinary	INR	Non Repatriable, repatriable subject to RBI conditions
NRSR - Non Resident Special Rupee	INR	Non Repatriable
FCNR - Foreign Currency Non Repatriable	USD, GBP, Yen, Euro, DMK	Repatriable

### Can an NRI, OCB, & FIIs invest in mutual funds in India?

NRI & FIIs can invest in mutual funds in India.

OCB,s cannot invest in mutual funds in India

# Does an NRI, PIO, FII require any approval from the RBI to invest in mutual fund schemes?

No special approval is required.

NRIs / FIIs have been granted a general permission by RBI [Schedule 5 of the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India)

#### What is the difference between NRE & NRO Bank Account?

Particulars	NRE a/c (Non-Resident (External) a/c)	NRO (Non-Resident Ordinary Rupee a/c)
Who can open an account	NRIs	Any person resident outside India
Joint account of two or more NRIs	Permitted	Permitted
Joint account with another person resident in India	Not Permitted	Permitted
Currency in which a/c denominated	Indian Rupees	Indian Rupees
Repatriability: Principal	Freely repatriable	Not repatriable
Interest	Freely repatriable	Freely repatriable
Foreign Currency Risk	Account holder is exposed the fluctuations in the value of INR	Account holder is exposed the fluctuations in the value of INR to the extent of interest amount
Types of account	Current, Saving, Fixed deposits	Current, Saving, Fixed deposits
Period of fixed deposits	For the period as announced by the deposit taking bank	For the period as announced by the deposit taking bank

Regulations, 2000] for investing in /redeeming units of the schemes subject to conditions set out in the aforesaid regulations.

However, PIO's need to attach a copy of the PIO card with the application forms at the time of investing.

# What is a PIO Card? Who Issues PIO Cards? How to get a PIO Card?

PIO Cards are issued by Ministry of External Affairs (CPV Division), Government of India to persons of Indian origin through Indian missions abroad. Specific information on rules, forms, particular offices, missions is available on the website <a href="http://www.passport.nic.in">http://www.passport.nic.in</a>

### Can NRI invest in foreign currency?

No. All investments have to be in Indian Rupees. A convenient way to invest would be through NRE account.

### How to redeem funds?

In case of open-ended mutual fund schemes, simply send a request on e-mail for redemption and after confirmation receipt redemption will be processed and funds will be directly credited to your bank a/c in next 3 working days.

#### How will the redemption proceeds be paid?

The redemption proceeds will be paid by means of a Rupee Cheque payable to the NRE account of the investor, or else by a US dollar draft drawn at the then current rates of exchange subject to RBI procedures, where investments have been made on a repatriation basis.

Where investments have been made on non-repatriation basis, redemption proceeds will be paid by means of a Rupee Cheque payable to the investor's NRO account.

Accompanying the redemption proceeds is an updated account statement, a TDS certificate and a covering letter that mentions whether the funds were invested out of NRE/FCNR/NRO accounts. The tax on capital gain is deducted (as explained below) after taking into consideration indexation benefits wherever applicable.

# Can NRI repatriate their earnings on redeeming from mutual fund schemes?

If the investment is made on a repatriation basis, the net income or capital gains (after tax) arising out of investment are eligible for repatriation subject to some compliance.

If the investment is made on a non-repatriation basis, only the net income, that is, dividend (after tax), arising out of investment is eligible for repatriation.

## Can NRI enrol in Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)?

Yes

#### How to get updated on the performance of the schemes?

NAVs of all schemes are updated on our web site every day.

For Investing in Mutual Funds KYC is must, following documents are required with KYC form.

- 1) Photo.
- 2) PAN card copy.
- 3) 2 Residence Proof India & Abroad.

### For Investing online following documents are required.

- 1) Cancelled cheque of NRI account.
- 2) Signature on NSE NMF form.

### For PAN card following documents are required.

- 1) Photo
- 2) Residence proof in India.
- 3) If residence proof is not there then OCI card or POI card.
- 4) Rs. 200/- PAN card fee.

# For Opening NRI account in bank following documents are required.

#### Documents required for NRE and NRO Account.

- 1) Photo.
- 2) PAN card copy
- 3) Passport & Visa copy
- Overseas address proof & landline telephone number