

Latest Regulations - August 2020

This section contains a summary of the main regulations implemented by the BCRA during the month, related to the activity of financial institutions. They are referenced by the date of publication.¹

Communication "["A" 7082](#) - August 3, 2020 | According to the provisions of Executive Order [621/2020](#), the BCRA established the conditions for "Corporate Loans at a Subsidized Rate". These loans must be granted to any applying enterprise, as long as they are included on the Federal Administration of Public Revenues (AFIP) list of beneficiaries, and deposited in the workers' remuneration accounts; the interest rate will be between 0% and 15% ANR, depending on the company's year-on-year change in turnover. Also, conditions for "Zero Rate Culture Credit Line" were established to assist people who carry out cultural activities. These loans will be credited to the applicant's credit card, with 0% ANR interest rate, a 12-month grace period and repayable in 12 monthly installments. To offset the opportunity cost of these funds, institutions may deduct the equivalent of 60% of this financing from their Minimum Cash requirement in pesos. The borrowers of these loans will not be able to access the exchange market for the purchase of foreign assets or sell securities settled in foreign currency.

Communication "["A" 7093](#) - August 27, 2020 | The BCRA included public securities in foreign currency that institutions receive in exchange for dollar-denominated National Treasury bills within the framework of [Law 27,556](#) to the list of exceptions that admit a positive global net foreign currency position of up to 30% of the Adjusted Stockholders' Equity (ASE).

Communication "["A" 7095](#) - August 27, 2020 | The BCRA determined that the unpaid balances of credit card statements that expired in September 2020 will be automatically refinanced for a minimum term of one year, with a 3-month grace period in 9 monthly installments, accruing a compensatory interest not exceeding 40% ANR. The client may prepay them, totally or partially, at any time and no cost except for the compensatory interest accrued up to that moment.

Communication "["A" 7096](#) - August 27, 2020 | The BCRA approved the method for calculating the Index for Rental Contracts (ICL), under the provisions of [Law 27,551](#).

Communication "["A" 7097](#) - August 27, 2020 | The BCRA allowed institutions to reallocate to the national non-financial public sector the available -unused- quota of the global basic limit, foreseen for total financing to the non-financial public sector, equivalent to 75% of the Adjusted Stockholders' Equity (ASE).

¹ For an overview of the changes implemented by the BCRA in recent months, see previous editions of the [Report on Banks](#) and the [Financial Stability Report](#).