

## Banks

### Liquid assets and cash reserves<sup>1</sup>

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Period	Liquid assets								Cash reserves <sup>6</sup>	
	Banknotes and subsidiary coin (1240M)	Gold coin and bullion (1241M)	Reserve and clearing account balances held with SARB <sup>2</sup> (1242M)	Treasury bills (1244M)	Government stock <sup>3</sup> (1245M)	SARB securities (1246M)	Total holdings <sup>4</sup> (1250M)	Required holdings <sup>5</sup> (1251M)	Banks' liabilities as adjusted (1252M)	Minimum reserve balances to be held with SARB <sup>7</sup> (1255M)

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1 Average amounts as from January 2008.

2 As from April 1993, only that part of the reserve balance in excess of the minimum cash reserve requirement, can be utilised as liquid assets.

3 As from 18 October 2000 all government stock qualifies as liquid assets, irrespective of maturity.

4 Total holdings include very small amounts of other liquid assets.

5 As from April 1993 the liquid asset requirement has been set at 5 per cent of banks' liabilities, as per notice R696 in Government Gazette No. 14763 of April 1993.

6 As from April 1998 the minimum cash reserve requirement was set at 2½% of banks' liabilities but banks' vault cash holdings qualified in full as part of cash reserves, as per notice R572 in Government Gazette No. 18810 of April 1998. As from September 2001 only 75 per cent of the banks' vault cash holdings qualified as cash reserves, and subsequently the qualifying portion was reduced by 25 percentage points each year. In September 2004 the concession was fully phased out.

7 The average daily minimum reserve balance calculated in respect of a specific month and shown opposite that month has to be held on deposit with the South African Reserve Bank as from the 15th working day of the following month. For example, the banks' liabilities and cash holdings during August give rise to a minimum reserve balance reported opposite August in the table but only held with the South African Reserve Bank as from the 15th working day of September.