

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

PROSPECTUS OF CASH OFFER

VITI BONDS

(Authorised by Parliament via 2023-2024 Appropriation Act 2023 on 14 July 2023 the raising of domestic loans totalling \$765,178,755.95 for approved expenditure by the Fiji Government ('Government') from August 2023 to July 2024.

\$10,000,000 TO BE ISSUED BY TENDER WITH FIXED COUPON

Term	Repayable at Par	Fixed Coupon Rate (per annum)
5 years	30/01/2029	3.00%
7 years	30/01/2031	3.50%
10 years	30/01/2034	4.00%

1. Issuance Method

Viti Bonds will be issued on tap and available for investment from the date of signed Prospectus until 12 July 2024 or until such time that the issued amount has been fully raised.

2. Lodgement of Tenders

All tenders must be emailed to tender-markets@rbf.gov.fj between the hours of 9:00am to 11:00am. Allotment of tenders will be carried out on the same day and bidders will be notified of their results accordingly.

3. Minimum and Maximum Tender Amounts

All tenders will be accepted for a minimum nominal amount of \$1,000 and for multiples of \$1,000 thereafter. Each tender must be for one maturity only and should be made on the tender form attached to the prospectus.

Investments in Viti Bonds are limited to a maximum amount of \$200,000 per investor per financial year.

4. Payment Instructions

With the exception of commercial banks, direct payment for the full Face Value of the tendered amount must be made through FIJICLEAR at any of the commercial bank in Fiji and must accompany all tender forms lodged.

The transfer details for FIJICLEAR are provided below:

- SWIFT: RBFJFJFA
- Beneficiary Name: Fiji Government Securities Proceeds & Refunds
- Beneficiary Account No.: 36019

- Narration: Purchase of Fiji Government Viti Bond

5. Allotment

Allotment will be made at par. The Government reserves the right to reject any tender or to allot a lesser amount than that tendered for.

The Registrar being the Reserve Bank of Fiji will issue a Statement of Accounts certifying that the Bondholder is the registered holder of the Face Value amount of the Bonds referred to therein.

6. Interest Payments

Interest will be paid quarterly each financial year on 30 October, 30 January, 30 April and 30 July until maturity. The first interest will be calculated on a pro-rata basis, from the settlement date to the first interest payment due date using the following formula:

$$\text{Interest amount} = \left[\frac{\text{amount allotted} \times \text{coupon rate}}{4} \right] \times \frac{\text{number of days of accrued interest}}{\text{number of days in quarter}}$$

For example:

Amount Allotted: \$100,000

Settlement Date: 15/04/2023

First Interest Payment Date:
30/04/2023

Coupon Rate: 4.00%

Number of days in the quarter i.e.
number of days from last interest date
to next interest date: 91 days

Number of days of accrued interest i.e.
number of days from settlement date to
first interest payment date: 15 days

Maturity Term: 10 years

Therefore, the first interest payment received by the bondholder will be:

$$\left[\frac{\$100,000 \times 4.00\%}{4} \right] \times \frac{15}{91} = \$164.83$$

Note: Interest thereafter will be \$1,000 every quarter.

Interest due will be paid by the RBF directly into the bondholder's nominated commercial bank account through FIJICLEAR. The initial nominated commercial bank account will be the default interest payment account for any additional investment into Viti Bond. In the case of joint bondholders, interest will be paid to the person first named on the tender form. Bondholders may liaise directly with their commercial banks to confirm receipt of funds.

Bondholders are required to notify the Registrar of any changes in address or contact details without delay to assist with the above.

7. Registration of Viti Bonds

Viti Bonds can be registered in the name of one, two or three individuals, or of corporate bodies, but not in the name of unregistered trusts, clubs, societies or unincorporated bodies.

No notice of any trust, expressed, implied or constructive, in respect of any bond shall be entered on the register, or be received by the registering authority.

8. Non-Resident Investors

The invitation to purchase Viti Bonds is also extended to non-residents. Non-residents are however required to hold an account with any commercial bank operating in the Republic of Fiji to receive coupon and principal payments.

9. Transfer of Bonds

Bondholders are entitled to sell or transfer their Viti Bonds to any person prior to the maturity date. Transfer of Bonds must be in multiples of \$1,000.

The RBF stands ready to purchase Viti Bonds at par from the bondholder at any time. Transfer forms are obtainable from the Registrar.

The Registrar shall not be required to make transfer during a period of 7 days preceding any interest payment date. Transfers of Bonds will be free of stamp duty imposed by Government.

Bond transfers are liable for capital gains tax and should be included in income returns submitted to the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service.

10. Income Tax Exemption

Interest income on Viti Bonds are exempt from income tax.

11. Trustee Investment

A Bond is an authorised investment for Trustees in Fiji.

12. Security

The Bond and interest payable on the Bond are a charge on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of Government which is the Government Central Account.

13. Public Debt

Government domestic debt is forecasted to amount to \$6.2 billion or 51.1 percent of Gross Domestic Product by 31 July 2023.

14. Tender Form

A tender form is attached to this Prospectus.

15. Registry

The Registry of the Bonds will be at the office of the Reserve Bank of Fiji in Suva, Fiji.

All the amounts in this Prospectus are expressed in Fijian Currency.



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