

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS ORDINARY ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES**

On and from 1 March 2004 the variable rates of interest payable on Ordinary Accounts will be as follows:

Standard rate	0.35% pa
Higher rate	0.45% pa

The Higher rate of interest is paid for each complete calendar month that £500 or more is in the account.

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES**

On and from 1 March 2004 the variable gross rates of interest payable on Investment Accounts will be as follows:

Balance in Account	Rate of interest
up to £499.99	2.50% pa
£500 to £4,999.99	2.55% pa
£5,000 to £9,999.99	2.65% pa
£10,000 to £24,999.99	2.85% pa
£25,000 to £49,999.99	3.05% pa
£50,000 and above	3.40% pa

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES**

On and from 1 March 2004 the variable gross rates of interest payable on Treasurer's Accounts will be as follows:

Balance in Account	Rate of interest
£10,000 to £24,999.99	2.85% pa
£25,000 to £99,999.99	3.05% pa
£100,000 and above	3.40% pa

**PREMIUM SAVINGS BONDS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATE AND CHANGE TO SCALE OF PRIZES**

On and from 1 June 2004 the rate of interest specified for determining the amount of the prize fund will be 2.60% pa. In respect of each prize

draw there will be one prize for every 27,500 bond units eligible for inclusion in the draw.

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS INCOME BONDS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATE**

On and from 1 April 2004 the variable "Treasury Rate" of interest payable on Income Bonds will be 3.45% pa gross. The bonus rate for bonds held under the same register number with a total capital value of at least £25,000 will be 0.25% pa gross.

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS—NEW GENERAL EXTENSION RATE**

On and from 1 March 2004 the variable rate of interest for National Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) earning the General Extension Rate will be 1.56% pa tax-free.

Issued by National Savings and Investments on behalf of the Treasury. (1004)

**NATIONAL SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS****INDEX-LINKED NATIONAL SAVINGS****MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES**

For the purposes of revaluing on repayment Index-linked National Savings Certificates (Retirement Issue 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Index-linked Issues) and contributions under Save As You Earn savings contracts (Third Issue), the Index figure issued by the Office for National Statistics in the month of February and applicable to the month of March is 183.1. This figure is based on the revised reference base of 100 adopted in January 1987.

In accordance with the relevant prospectuses a notional Index figure of 722.3 has been calculated and will apply to Index-linked Savings Certificates purchased in March 1987 or earlier and SAYE contributions which were due for payment and made in February 1987 or earlier. (1003)

**Bank of England**

An ACCOUNT pursuant to the Acts 7 & 8 Vict. ch. 32, 18 & 19 Geo. 5 ch. 13 and 19 & 20 Eliz. 2 ch. 24, for the week ending on Wednesday, the 18th day of February 2004.

**ISSUE DEPARTMENT**

	£		£
Notes Issued:		Government Debt ... ..	—
In Circulation ... ..	33,012,834,522	Other Government Securities ... ..	14,699,676,308
In Banking Department ... ..	7,165,478	Other Securities ... ..	18,320,323,692
		Coin other than Gold Coin ... ..	—
		Amount of Fiduciary Issue ... ..	£33,020,000,000
		Gold Coin and Bullion ... ..	—
	£33,020,000,000		£33,020,000,000

Dated the 19th day of February 2004.

*Mr A Bailey*, Chief Cashier

**BANKING DEPARTMENT**

	£		£
Capital ... ..	14,553,000	Government Securities ... ..	1,725,609,521
Rest ... ..	—	Other Securities ... ..	13,812,082,173
Public Deposits (including Exchequer, National Loans Fund, National Debt Commissioners and Dividend Accounts)	649,724,119	Notes ... ..	7,165,478
Other Deposits ... ..	14,880,593,430	Coin ... ..	13,377
Seven Day and other Bills ... ..	—		
	£15,544,870,549		£15,544,870,549

Dated the 19th day of February 2004.

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