

VARIABLE RATES OF THE PAST 25 YEARS

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(Per cent)													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average Year
1987	9.25	9.25	8.75	9.25	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.52
1988	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.25	10.25	10.75	10.75	11.25	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.25	10.83
1989	12.25	12.75	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.33
1990	13.50	14.25	14.25	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.25	13.75	13.75	13.25	12.75	14.06
1991	12.25	11.25	11.25	10.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.50	8.75	8.50	8.00	9.94
1992	7.50	7.50	8.25	7.75	7.50	7.00	6.75	6.50	6.25	7.75	9.75	7.25	7.48
1993	6.75	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.50	5.50	5.94
1994	5.50	5.50	6.25	6.75	6.75	8.00	7.50	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	6.88
1995	9.25	9.50	9.75	9.75	9.25	8.75	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.50	8.65
1996	7.25	7.00	6.75	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.25	5.75	5.75	5.00	4.75	4.75	6.06
1997	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.25	5.50	6.00	4.96
1998	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.25	7.00	6.75	6.75	6.60
1999	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.50	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.44
2000	6.50	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.27
2001	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.50	6.25	6.25	6.00	5.75	5.25	4.50	4.00	4.00	5.81
2002	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.21
2003	4.50	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.69
2004	4.25	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00
2005	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.50	4.75	4.75	5.00	4.42
2006	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.81
2007	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.10
2008	5.75	5.75	5.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.00	3.50	4.79
2009	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.40
2010	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.60
2011	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
25 Yr Monthly Avg	6.66	6.69	6.70	6.70	6.65	6.70	6.63	6.60	6.60	6.59	6.57	6.49	6.63

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