



ICRA Rating Feature

ICRA Policy on Withdrawal and Suspension of Credit Rating

Withdrawal of Credit Rating

ICRA's policy on withdrawal of Credit Ratings and is updated based on the circular issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), dated November 1, 2016, prescribing enhanced standards for credit rating agencies. This note updates and supersedes ICRA's earlier policy on this subject, published in November 2014.

Upon request of the Rated Entity, ICRA withdraws the Credit Rating of instruments or facilities that have a pre-defined repayment schedule such as term loans or bonds only if the obligations pertaining to such loans are no longer outstanding, having been fully repaid or redeemed. ICRA takes a confirmation from the Rated Entity's bankers, auditors, and/ or debenture trustees before withdrawing the rating.

In case of Public Deposits

ICRA withdraws the Credit Rating assigned to the fixed deposits programme at the request of the Rated Entity under the following conditions:

- » If the deposits are fully redeemed; or
- » If the Rated Entity has set aside in an escrow account an amount that ICRA considers adequate for the payment of principal and interest to the depositors; or
- » If the Rated Entity has stopped using the ICRA-assigned Credit Rating to mobilize further deposits and has informed depositors about the same and has given an explicit option to prematurely withdraw the deposits, the Credit Rating is placed on '*Notice of Withdrawal*' for six months, before being withdrawn at the end of the withdrawal notice.

Other indicative cases for Credit Rating withdrawal

- » ICRA withdraws a Credit Rating in case the Rated Entity is wound up or merged or amalgamated with another entity.
- » In the case of an issuer Credit Rating, which is not applicable to any specific debt obligation, the Credit Rating may be withdrawn at the request of the Rated Entity.
- » In the case of provisional ratings, if the structure actually adopted for the transaction, deviates significantly from that taken into account while assigning the provisional rating, ICRA may withdraw the provisional rating. For more details on the above, refer to ICRA's policy on assigning provisional ratings available at www.icra.in

Rating Suspension:

Credit Rating once accepted will be subject to periodic monitoring and review until the Credit Rating is withdrawn. ICRA will continue to monitor and review the rated issuer/ borrower/ instrument/ borrowing, on an ongoing basis throughout the lifetime of the issuer/ borrower/ instrument/ borrowing on the basis of best available information. If the Rated Entity fails to cooperate, the press release, for the benefit of the user of Credit Rating in such cases will be denoted by the symbol: "ISSUER DID NOT CO-OPERATE; BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION".

DEFINED TERMS:

Credit Rating

A Credit Rating is an opinion on the relative credit risk of the issuer/ borrower/ instrument / borrowing limit expressed in the form of standard symbols or in any other standardised manner, assigned by ICRA and used by the issuer of instrument/ debt obligation, to comply with the requirements specified under regulations.

Rated Entity (ies)

A Rated Entity means any entity rated by ICRA or any entity that issues instrument/ raises debt obligations rated by ICRA or any entity that is seeking a Credit Rating from ICRA.



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