



INTRODUCING INTERNATIONAL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER (IBAN)

In compliance with State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) regulations, we are pleased to inform you that Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited has successfully applied the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) on all your accounts which would will be used for inward and outward remittances from and to Pakistan and for local currency payments through PRISM.

The State Bank of Pakistan regulation is effective from Year 2013, whereby all banks in Pakistan are required to accept and process payment instructions with IBAN. Therefore, please ensure that the IBAN for your account is communicated to all parties correctly from whom you are expecting a remittance to your account from outside Pakistan and through local payment system.

Effective 1st July 2013, the processing of both Inward and Outward payment in your account **IS LIKELY TO BE REJECTED OR MAY BE DELAYED** with additional processing charges as may be prescribed by State Bank of Pakistan from time to time, if IBAN is not used in payment messages. In order to streamline and smoothen remittances we would request you to inform your remitters of this development and share your IBAN without any delay and before the said effective date to expedite all your inward and outward remittances from and to Pakistan.

If you have standing/balance orders for effecting payments from your account to beneficiary accounts outside Pakistan (for IBAN compliant countries) or through local RTGS system, then you will be to amend the same, by providing the IBAN equivalent of Beneficiary account.

The IBAN for your account is provided in the attached statement of account for your ready reference. In case any of queries, please feel free to contact your Relationship Manager or nearest ABPL Branch or just call 24/7 help line on 021-111-113-442.

FAQ on the International Bank Account Number (IBAN)

Q1: What is the IBAN?

IBAN is the acronym for ISO 13616 standard compliant International Bank Account Number. It is new format of existing account number which can be used confidently in making or receiving payments (currently excluding Cheques) within the country as well as abroad. The confidence comes from two sources: the first is the internationally accepted standard for numbering bank customer accounts and the second is the ISO standard methodology for verifying the accuracy of the IBAN even before remitting the payment. An IBAN contains information relating to the country in which the IBAN was issued and where the IBAN account is held, bank code of account holder's bank as well as the account number itself.

Q2:What is benefit of IBAN?

IBAN facilitate accuracy and validation of account number of the recipient at the point of initiating a payment, regardless of the bank/country where customer maintains his/her account. It allows exchanging account identification details in machine readable form, hence ensure faster and more reliable electronic customer fund transfers while minimizing risk of delays.

Q3:What is IBAN Structure in Pakistan?

Central Bank of Pakistan has decided IBAN length of 24 characters for Pakistan, divided into 2 digits country code, 2 digits check digit, 4 digits Bank Identifier and 16 digits account number as shown below

Country Code	Check Digit	Bank Identifier	Account Number
two-letter ISO 3166-1 country code i.e. PK	2 digits	4 characters	16 characters

Q4:What is IBAN Structure of ABPL Customer account?

Your account's IBAN is same Account Number you have already with us with additional digits and letters on its left side. For example, for existing account number 1234567891234, IBAN shall be "PK68 AIIN 0001 2345 6789 1234"

Country Code	Check Digit	Bank Identifier	Account Number
PK	2 digits	AIIN	000 + your 13 digits account number

Q5:Who can create and issue IBAN of ABPL Customer?

Only the bank having customer account can generate its IBAN.

Q6:What is the difference between an IBAN and a normal account number?

An IBAN can always be distinguished from a normal customer account number by the following:

- The length of the IBAN is 24 characters
- Presence of country code like "PK" as first two character and Bank identifier like "AIIN"
- Third and fourth character is "check digits"

Q7:Is there a standard way to write an IBAN?

When you write or print an IBAN on a document, it has to be split into groups of four characters, e.g.: PK85 AIIN 0000 1234 5678 9012 to support easy recognition. The last group of the IBAN may be of 1, 2, 3 or 4 character.

There should not be any spaces when entering the IBAN in an electronic payment message and IBAN should be presented in an electronic payment message as a continuous string of characters i.e. PK85AIIN0000123456789012

Q8:Does existing account number(s) become invalid with the introduction of IBAN?

No, your existing account number(s) will continue to be valid. IBAN is not a new account number. It simply represents the existing account number in a recognizable ISO standard format. The adoption of IBAN in Pakistan does not require changing or replacing the existing account numbers.

Q9:Who requires an IBAN?

All bank customers, who receive or make fund transfers in/through Pakistan, will require an IBAN.

Q10: Do IBAN differ account by account for same customer?

Yes, if you have more than one account at your bank, you will require an IBAN for each of your accounts.

Q11: How can you get your IBAN?

We will send you the equivalent IBAN for every account you hold with us by 31 December 2012. You will also see your equivalent IBAN on your bank statement. You can also retrieve your IBAN from our bank's website.

Q12: When can you use IBAN in Pakistan?

It is mandatory to use IBAN in all local and inward cross border payments to your account from 1st July 2013.

Q13: What can you use IBAN for?

IBAN can be used for the following local and international payments after June 30, 2013.

- Fund transfer from one account to another account at a bank in Pakistan;
- Foreign remittances to country that has adopted IBAN;
- All inward remittances to Pakistan.

Q14: What should I do regarding IBAN?

1. Please ensure that the IBAN for your account is communicated to all parties correctly from whom you are expecting a remittance.
2. If you have standing/balance orders for effecting payments from your account to beneficiary accounts outside Pakistan (for IBAN compliant countries) or through local payment system, then you will be to amend the same, by providing the IBAN equivalent of Beneficiary account.

Q15: What happens if IBAN is not used in payments in Pakistan?

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Q16: Will the IBAN only be used for international funds transfer?

No, the IBAN must be used for sending and receiving both local and international funds transfers.

Q17: What procedure involved in making a payment using IBAN?

- a) The bank holding the beneficiary's (recipient of the payment) account generates and provides the IBAN to the beneficiary;
- b) The beneficiary informs his/her IBAN to the paying/ordering customer;
- c) The paying/ordering customer submits an electronic fund transfer/payment order, which includes the beneficiary's IBAN to his bank; and
- d) The paying/ordering customer's bank validates/checks the IBAN in the outward payment message.
- e) After the receipt of the inward payment message, the beneficiary (recipient's) bank validates the IBAN and credits the money to the beneficiary's account.

Q18: Is it possible to get an online validator of the check digit??

Online tools to validate/check the structure of IBANs are provided by a number of organizations. One of them is the UN/CEFACT TBG5 IBAN 'validator' of UN/CEFACT United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, which can be accessed via <http://www.tbq5-finance.org/?ibancheck.shtml>

Q19: Which countries are using IBAN?

61 countries (including Pakistan) are using IBAN by January 2013. Details of IBAN of those countries can be obtained from the IBAN Registry at the SWIFT website:

http://www.swift.com/dsp/resources/documents/IBAsN_Registry.pdf

