



## Frequently Asked Questions – Subsidy Scheme for (Islamic) Housing Finance

Sr. No.	FAQ	Proposed Response
1.	Can financing under the facility be utilised for the purchase of plot?	A plot of land can only be purchased under the facility if a house is to be constructed on the plot and financing is meant both for purchase of land and construction thereon provided all other terms and conditions of the facility including maximum price of house and maximum loan under the relevant tier are complied with.
2.	How can the first time homeownership be established?	In order to establish first time homeownership, financing bank will obtain an undertaking to the same effect from its borrower/customer with necessary provisions for termination of subsidy and other penalties, in case it is established at a later stage, that the borrower/ customer owned a house at the time of application for availing subsidy facility.
3.	Is financing also available for purchase of a flat	Yes, financing will be available for purchase of a flat which meets the covered area requirements specified for 'apartment' under the Facility.
4.	Is financing for expansion/ extension in the existing housing unit allowed?	Yes, financing will be available for expansion/extension of existing housing unit provided the housing unit after expansion/extension falls within the criteria specified under the facility.
5.	Can financing under the scheme be utilised for renovation of an existing residential unit?	No, financing for renovation of existing housing unit will not be allowed under the facility.
6.	Is the bank staff eligible to avail financing under this facility?	No, bank staff is not eligible under the facility
6a.	Are banks' third party staff eligible under the scheme?	Yes
6b.	Are contractual employees of banks eligible for financing under the Scheme?	Contractual employees of banks who are below officer grade and are not eligible to avail staff housing finance are eligible for financing under the Scheme.
6c.	Is the staff of Microfinance banks eligible?	Yes
6d.	In case if a bank staff is NOT eligible under their respective HR house loan policy/ facility (for whatever reason), whether such employees of the bank can avail this scheme?	No. Permanent employees of the bank are not eligible under the scheme.
7.	What does new house mean?	New house/ apartment/ flat means a unit not more than 1 year old from the date of application, as established by Completion Certificate.

7a.	Where "Completion Certificate" is NOT available, how can we gauge the age of property?	In such areas where completion certificate is not available, valuation certificate issued by external valuers may be considered.
8.	What does first purchase mean?	First purchase means first transfer of the house/ apartment/ flat.
8a.	If the property is being sold out in 1 year to 2nd owner, can the 2nd owner apply for financing under this facility?	Financing is available under the scheme to the borrower at the time of first transfer of title document.
9.	How much income of co-borrower can be clubbed and how many co-borrowers/applicants are allowed?	In case of co-applicants, 100% income of co-applicants may be clubbed for credit assessment. Up to four co-applicants are allowed for a single housing unit.
10.	While availing the subsidy, is it allowed to sell or rent out the residential unit?	Home owner will not be allowed to sell the housing unit before expiry of 5 years from the date of acquisition. Further, during this period, he/she will not be allowed to rent out financed housing unit.
11.	What is the difference between Tier 1 (T1) and Tier 2 (T2)?	The residential units announced by NAPHDA fall under Tier 1 (T1). All other residential units with the same specifications/ measurements fall under Tier 2 (T2).
12.	What would be the size of housing units under Tier 3 in terms of Marla?	Housing units under Tier 3 are required to be greater than 5 Marla but up to 10 Marla.
12a.	Is there any covered area requirement for houses in Tier 3 as covered area is only mentioned against apartment/ flat?	The covered area requirement for houses under Tier 3 is the same as it is for apartments/ flats that fall under Tier 3.
13.	In case the plot size of housing unit is 5 Marla but the covered area is more than 850 square feet, what would be its classification in terms of Tiers defined in the scheme?	The housing units of up to 5 Marla with a covered area of more than 850 square feet and upto 1,100 square feet will be covered under Tier 3 (T3).
14.	What Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio should be observed while extending financing under the scheme?	The housing finance under Tier 1 and Tier 2 shall be provided at a maximum LTV ratio of 90:10 whereas it is 85:15 for Tier 3.
15.	Will the rental subsidy be available even after the finance allowed under the scheme?	Rental Subsidy will be discontinued on categorization of a finance as "Loss".
16.	Is unequal monthly installment for the repayment of loan allowed under the scheme?	The repayment of financing under this Facility will be in equal monthly installments.
17.	Will there be any prepayment penalty?	In case of early payment, banks will not charge penalty to the customer.
18.	Which KIBOR shall be used for pricing?	The KIBOR used for pricing will be One Year KIBOR to be reset every year.
19.	Is the pricing spread for banks mentioned in the scheme fixed for each Tier?	The spread mentioned in the scheme for each Tier is the maximum spread. Banks may opt for less spread.
20.	Can banks obtain documents in addition to checklist provided by PBA?	The financing banks will not require borrowers to provide documents in excess of standard checklist of documents circulated by Pakistan Banks' Association.

21	Is it right to say that the financing tenor under the facility is up to 10 years with flexibility to go up to 20 years, depending upon choice of customers.	It is other way round. The financing tenor is up to 20 years with the flexibility on the choice of the customer.
22.	What is the minimum financing tenor under this scheme?	Minimum financing tenor under the scheme is 10 years.
23.	Is NRP eligible under this scheme either as a main applicant or co-applicant?	The financing can be extended to an NRP holding CNIC. However, the financing bank has to adhere to all relevant regulations including Foreign Exchange Regulations.
24.	In case of both salaried & non-salaried individual working in an informal sector, how can a minimum required tenor of job & business be ascertained in the absence of any formal document?	There is no regulatory requirement of minimum tenure for Job/ business of a borrower.
25.	Can this facility be terminated/ paid-off at any point of time say before 5 years or there is any minimum terminated/pay-off period. absence of any formal document?	Facility can be terminated/paid-off by borrower at any point in time. Further, financing banks will not charge any prepayment penalty in case of early repayment by the borrower.
26.	Is there any maximum income criteria?	There is no such regulatory requirement.
27.	If applicant holds an agricultural land, can he/she apply under this scheme?	Scheme does not bar such arrangement provided all other Federal/ Provincial Governments' rules & regulations are observed.
28.	In case where both spouse are working, can they both apply on their own?	Both spouse can apply. However, only one of the spouse can avail financing under the scheme.
29.	Kindly also provide subsidy mechanism for this scheme.	State Bank will provide procedure of claiming subsidy separately.