

Credit Card Deferment Document

In line with the Central Bank of Bahrain directives to contain the financial repercussions of COVID-19 and Standard Chartered Bank's commitment to provide the best solution to our customers during these challenging times, we have deferred the monthly minimum amount due on credit cards for six months, with no additional fees, no interest on interest, and no increase in interest rates, starting from March 2020.

Please refer to the below important information regarding credit card deferrals and what it means for you

Credit Card Deferral:

The monthly Minimum Amount Due on your credit card statement will be set as zero.

This means you can choose not to pay your monthly dues and you will not be charged of late payment fees.

Reversal of March minimum amount due payments:

If you have paid the March 2020 minimum amount due, we will reverse the interest & fees component of the minimum amount due, back to your credit limit for your usage.

The interest/fee amount (which is due but is deferred as per CBB regulation) will be charged monthly, after the deferrals period is over.

Exceeding the credit limit extended to you will still result in over limit fees which will be payable after the deferral period.

Interest charging methodology for the deferment period:

Interest will continue to accrue on your outstanding balance if you continue to use the card limit.

Interest will be charged on your total purchases and cash withdrawal outstanding balance as normal and will be billed on each statement. You will be able to see the interest amount charged for every month in your statement, however this amount will not be deducted from your accounts on your standing order due dates, as your minimum amount is set as zero during the deferral period. There will be no interest on the interest, or interest on any fees.

Interest re-payment methodology:

We acknowledge the difficulties that you are going through during this time and in view of the spirit of the measures, we have decided to not collect the total unpaid accumulated interest in the 1st month after the deferral period is over, for customers that opt for a longer deferral period of up to six months. The total accumulated interest will be collected over the next six-month period.

Please see the below demonstration on a World Elite credit card:

	Assuming outstanding balance is BHD 1000 and customer don't make any more purchases	Interest @ 24% per annum / 2% per month	Interest Billed	Interest Accrued	Minimum Amount Due (Interest + Fees+ 1% of Retail & Cash Balance)	Principal Repayment	Minimum Amount Due as % of Limit assuming Limit is BHD 1,000
Mar	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
Apr	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
May	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
Jun	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
Jul	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
Aug	1,000.0	20.0	-	20.0	-	-	
Sep	1,000.0	20.0	40.0	-	50.0	10.0	5.0%
Oct	990.0	19.8	39.8	-	49.7	9.9	5.0%
Nov	980.1	19.6	39.6	-	49.4	9.8	4.9%
Dec	970.3	19.4	39.4	-	49.1	9.7	4.9%
Jan	960.6	19.2	39.2	-	48.8	9.6	4.9%
Feb	951.0	19.0	39.0	-	48.5	9.5	4.9%
Mar	941.5	18.8	18.8	-	28.2	9.4	3.0%
Apr	932.1	18.6	18.6	-	28.0	9.3	3.0%

Standing Order setup:

If you have standing order for minimum amount due, for the duration of deferrals, this will be temporarily changed to zero, so no payment is deducted from your account. After the deferral period, the normal standing order will resume.

If you have a standing order for any other amount (5%-100%), your standing order will be cancelled. You will need to contact us on 17531532 or visit the nearest branch, if you would like to reinstate your standing order.