



NATIONAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ANNOUNCES

THE LAUNCH OF NEW ISSUES OF FIXED RATE, FIXED TERM, SAVINGS BONDS, SAVINGS CERTIFICATES, INSTALMENT SAVINGS AND NATIONAL SOLIDARITY BONDS AND NEW VARIABLE RATE FOR PRIZE BONDS

The new fixed interest rates for the **new issues** with effect from Sunday 5 October 2014 are:

| State Savings | Fixed Rate Total Return | Fixed Term Years | Annual Rate AER ¹ |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 year - Savings Bonds - Issue 16 | 2.5% | 3 | 0.83% |
| 4 year - National Solidarity Bonds - Issue 5 | 4% | 4 | 0.99% |
| 5½ year - Savings Certificates - Issue 21 | 7% | 5½ | 1.24% |
| 6 year - Instalment Savings - Issue 13 | 7% | 6 | 1.24% ² |
| 10 year - National Solidarity Bonds - Issue 5 | 25% | 10 | 2.26% |

¹ AER = annual equivalent rate. The AER assumes no early encashment.

² AER on Instalment Savings assumes an average term of 5½ year (12 equal monthly lodgements followed by a 5 year term).

All previous Issues of Savings Bonds, Savings Certificates, Instalment Savings and the National Solidarity Bonds are now closed to **new** purchases. The new rates will only apply to new purchases that take place from 5 October 2014 and will have **no effect on holders of the previous issues** of the above products. Any money already placed in previous issues of these products will continue to receive, for their remaining term, the fixed rates applicable to each product on the day that it was purchased.

The existing variable interest rates for the Deposit Account and for the 30 Day Notice Deposit Account Plus remain unchanged:

| State Savings | Variable Rate AER ¹ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Deposit Account | 0.25% ³ |
| Deposit Account Plus (30 Day Notice) | 0.50% ³ |

³ Subject to Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) at the prevailing rate. Interest calculated daily and credited yearly on 31 December.

Prize Bonds prize fund rate is now 1.25% - this is the variable rate that will be used to calculate the monthly prize fund starting in November 2014 and continuing until further notice. There will be a €1 million prize in the last weekly draw of each second month, viz. February, April, June, August, October and December. The number of weekly €1,000 prizes will be increased from 5 to 10 prizes, and the €20,000 prize will be increased to €50,000 commencing November 2014. Based on the current number of Prize Bonds, the new 1.25% rate will generate over 6,000 weekly €50 prizes.

At any time, the NTMA may amend the variable rates on State Savings products and the number and value of Prize Bond prizes and may close the fixed rate, fixed term issues to new money. Prior to the introduction of any such changes, a notice is placed in the national newspapers and full details are available on www.StateSavings.ie. All State Savings money is placed directly with the Government and the repayment is a direct unconditional obligation of the Government.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS AND APPLICATION FORMS:

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