



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
RETAIL TREASURY BONDS

TRANCHE 25

3-YEAR RTBs DUE 2024
WITH EXCHANGE OFFER

Offer Period:
February 9 – March 4, 2021

Issue Date:
March 9, 2021

Minimum Investment:
Php 5,000.00 and in multiples of Php 5,000.00 thereafter

BACKGROUND

The Retail Treasury Bonds (“RTBs”) form part of the National Government’s program to make government securities available to retail investors, especially individuals.

Key features of the RTBs:

- Earns a fixed interest rate over the term of the bond
- Interest rate is based on prevailing market rates, determined during auction date
- Interest is paid quarterly over the term of the bond
- Targeted at retail and individual investors

Throughout the Offer Period, Individuals, Corporations, Financial Institutions, and other Institutional Investors can purchase RTBs through the Bureau of the Treasury’s Online Ordering Facility (www.treasury.gov.ph), Bonds.PH mobile application, Overseas Filipino Bank (“OFBank”) Mobile Banking Application or over-the-counter through any of the Selling Agents. Both mobile applications are downloadable for free via Google Play and App Store.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the RTBs are as follows:

- To raise funds for the Republic’s priority projects nationwide
- To demonstrate the prudence and commitment of the Republic to diversify funding sources
- To make government securities affordable and accessible to retail investors, especially individuals
- To promote financial literacy and inclusion among Filipinos
- To develop the Philippine capital market via the provision of a low-risk investment with higher yields than term deposits
- The proceeds from RTB 25 will finance the government’s various expenditures focused on:
 - Supporting sectors most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., the unemployed, MSMEs, and the country’s healthcare system);
 - Enhancing the country’s response against the pandemic; and
 - Various priority projects nationwide.

BENEFITS TO INVESTORS

- RTBs are low-risk investment instruments. They are direct, unconditional and general obligations of the Republic of the Philippines
- Offers higher yields than term deposit instruments
- Provides frequent cash flows via quarterly interest payments over the life of the bond
- Affordable minimum placement at Php 5,000.00
- Accessible via online channels and via the branches of the Selling Agent banks nationwide
- May be bought and sold via an active secondary market through banks or brokers
- Provides a way to directly contribute to nation-building

TERMS OF THE OFFERING

Issuer	Republic of the Philippines through the Bureau of the Treasury
Issue Date	March 9, 2021
Maturity Date	3 years from Issue Date (March 9, 2024)
Offer Period	February 9 to March 4, 2021, or as may be determined by the BTr
Issue Price	At par (or 100%)
Redemption Price	At par (or 100%)
Interest Rate	2.375% per annum
Interest Payments	Quarterly, subject to 20% final withholding tax except for tax-exempt institutions
Form and Denomination	Issued in scripless form and will be sold in minimum denominations of Php5,000.00 and in multiples of Php5,000.00 thereafter.
Negotiability	Negotiable and transferrable
Sinking Fund	The Republic may set up and maintain a sinking fund with the BTr in order to accumulate the amounts necessary to pay the principal of the RTB-25 on the Maturity Date

HOW TO PURCHASE RTBs

The RTBs will be made available to the public during the Offer Period on February 9 to March 4, 2021. Investors may purchase the RTBs from any of the Selling Agents subject to the documentary and minimum deposit requirements of each Selling Agent.

Basic Steps to Purchase the RTBs

Over the Counter

1. Investors will be required to open a peso account or designate an existing peso account with the Selling Agent where interest and principal payments will be made.
2. Investors must submit to the Selling Agent the requirements for purchasing the RTBs (i.e. Application to Purchase, Client Information Sheet, etc.).
3. Investors must pay the Selling Agent the amount due for the RTB purchase and applicable bank fees (as applicable).
4. At the time of purchase of the RTBs, the Selling Agent will issue an Acknowledgement Receipt/Official Receipt.
5. Investors will receive a Confirmation of Sale (“COS”) to be issued by the Selling Agent within thirty (30) calendar days from issue date.

Online Ordering Facility

1. Go to www.treasury.gov.ph. Click the RTB 25 banner and read through the details of the investment.
2. Accomplish the Ordering Form, select a Settlement Bank (Must be either China Bank, DBP, FirstMetroSec or LANDBANK) and agree to the terms and conditions.
3. Log on to the chosen Settlement Bank’s Online Payment Facility to pay for the principal cost.
4. A notice of successful payment may be printed as your proof of investment in the RTBs and a system-generated notice of successful payment shall be sent to your email address designated upon opening of a peso deposit account with the Settlement Bank or sent via SMS.

Bonds.PH Mobile App or Overseas Filipino Bank Mobile Banking Application (“OFB MBA”)

1. Download the Bonds.PH app or the OFB MBA on the App Store (for iOS devices) or Google Play Store (for Android devices).
2. Open the app and create an account.
3. Verify your email address and mobile number.
4. Log in and verify your account by submitting the required document and information.
5. Once your account is verified, cash in to add funds to your account.
6. Purchase RTB 25 during the Public Offer Period through the app.

Buying and Selling RTBs in the Secondary Market

1. Investors can buy the RTBs from the secondary market at prevailing market prices via banks or brokers.
2. If an investor decides to sell the RTBs before the maturity date, they may do so through the Selling Agent from which the RTBs were purchased or to other Selling Agents subject to prevailing market rates. The RTBs purchased from the Bonds.PH app can also be sold in the app.
3. Depending on prevailing market rates, at the time of sale, the RTBs may trade at a premium or a discount to face value.

1. What are Retail Treasury Bonds?

RTBs are medium- to long-term debt securities issued by the Republic of the Philippines (“ROP” or “the Republic”) through the Bureau of the Treasury (“BTr”). The RTBs are part of the government’s savings mobilization program designed to make government securities available to retail investors; hence, the name Retail Treasury Bonds. RTBs are fixed-income securities that pay a fixed interest rate per annum over a specified period of time with a promise to return the principal at the end of the term.

2. Why Invest in RTBs?

The RTBs are designed to be a low-risk and affordable savings instruments. They are considered default risk-free because they are direct, unconditional and general obligations of the Republic of the Philippines. RTBs are higher yielding compared to savings accounts and term deposits. The minimum investment is only Php 5,000.

3. Who can purchase RTBs?

The RTBs aim to cater to retail investors such as individuals and institutions who are looking for a low-risk, accessible and relatively higher-yielding investment.

4. Who can participate in the Exchange Offer?

Bondholders of the following securities (the “Eligible Bonds”) are eligible for the Exchange Offer (the “Eligible Bondholders”):

ISIN	Series Name	Interest Rate	Maturity
PIBD0721C574	FXTN 07-57	3.500%	20 March 2021
PIBD1021D531	FXTN 10-53	6.500%	28 April 2021
PIID0321F092	RTB 03-09	4.875%	13 June 2021
PIID1021J039	RTB 10-03	5.750%	20 October 2021
PIBD1021K551	FXTN 10-55	5.750%	24 November 2021

5. When and where can an investor purchase RTBs?

The RTBs will be sold to the public during the Offer Period which is scheduled from February 9 to March 4, 2021. This is the designated period given to the public to subscribe to the RTBs through the Issue Managers and the other Selling Agents.

Since only a limited amount of RTBs will be issued, the BTr has the option to shorten the Offer Period. The terms and conditions applicable to the RTBs as well as copies of the complete documentation will be made available by the Selling Agents during the Offer Period.

After the Offer Period, investors may purchase the RTBs in the secondary market at prevailing market rates.

6. What are the risks involved in investing in RTBs?

The RTBs are considered having the lowest credit risk because they represent direct and unconditional obligations of the government, thereby enjoying the highest certainty of payment. The yield is assured if the investor holds the bond until maturity, otherwise it will be subject to interest rate risk depending on the prevailing market rate at the time the RTBs are sold in the secondary market.

7. What is an investor’s proof of ownership?

The Selling Agents will sell the RTBs to individuals and other investors on a non-recourse basis, documented through Confirmation of Sale (“COS”)/confirmation advice issued by the Selling Agents in favor of the investor.

8. Can an investor sell his RTBs after the Issue Date?

RTBs are considered marketable securities and have historically enjoyed an active secondary market. The Selling Agents from whom the RTBs were purchased may assist the investor, on a best-efforts basis, in selling the RTBs in the secondary market at prevailing market rates. At the time of sale, the RTBs may be sold at a premium (at a gain) or discount (at a loss) to face value, depending on prevailing market rates.

9. Are RTBs tax-free?

Interest income on RTBs is subject to the 20% final withholding tax.

Tax-exempt institutions with a valid BIR-Issued Certificate of Tax Exemption which covers investments in government securities are exempted from the 20% final withholding tax. Prior to admittance to RTB 25, such investors must first open a Tax-Exempt National Registry of Scripless Securities (“NROSS”) Account from the BTr through their Selling Agent bank.

For further information and the list of accredited Selling Agents, please visit www.treasury.gov.ph