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#### **RSA GOVERNMENT RETAIL BOND SALES AT R1, 483 BILLION AND PREVAILING INTEREST RATES REMAIN UNCHANGED**

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Sales of the RSA Government Retail Bond have reached R 1,483 billion since its launch in May 2004. 17 090 people have invested with a total of 27 104 investments.

The National Treasury, through the Asset and Liability Management Division determines the prevailing interest rates for the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year RSA Government Retail Bonds at the end of each month.

The interest rates are determined by interpolating the equivalent yields of the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year Government Bonds.

#### **THE PREVAILING INTEREST RATES FOR AUGUST 2005 ARE:**

<b>2-year Retail Bond:</b>	<b>7.50%</b>
<b>3-year Retail Bond:</b>	<b>7.75%</b>
<b>5-year Retail Bond:</b>	<b>8.25%</b>

The prevailing interest rates are priced off the government yield curve, and will be changed if the yields of the RSA Government bonds move (negatively or positively) by more than 50 basis points.

The above interest rates are applicable from 1 August 2005 until 31 August 2005.

The retail bond has attracted new as well as the smaller investors. About 51% of the total investors, invested R20 000,00 and less. It is important to note that South Africans from all walks of life have invested in the retail bond.

Visit [www.rsaretailbonds.gov.za](http://www.rsaretailbonds.gov.za) for rate calculators and retail bond information. You can also contact:

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