

September 24, 2024

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Dear Sir

**Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 - Re-affirmation/Assignment of Credit Rating**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 and other applicable clauses of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we would like to inform that CARE Ratings Limited vide its letters dated September 24, 2024 (received by Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited ("the Bank") on September 24, 2024 at 10:55 A.M. and 13:17 P.M. respectively) has intimated of the following rating actions:

Facilities/ Instruments	Amount(Rs.in Crore)	Rating	Rating Action
Issuer rating	-	CARE AA-; Stable (Double A Minus; Outlook: Stable)	Reaffirmed
Certificate of Deposit	650.00 (Enhanced from 250.00)	CARE A1+(A One Plus)	Reaffirmed
Lower Tier II Bonds (Basel II) (Proposed)	500.00	CARE AA-; Stable (Double A Minus; Outlook: Stable)	Assigned

The ratings letters from CARE Ratings Limited are enclosed herewith.

Kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited

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Company Secretary  
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Dear Sir,

**Issuer Rating**

On the basis of recent developments including operational and financial performance of your Company for FY24 (Audited) and Q1FY25(Provisional), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following rating:

Type of Rating	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Issuer rating	CARE AA-; Stable	Reaffirmed

- The rating is only an opinion on the general creditworthiness of the Company and not specific to any particular debt instrument.
- CARE Ratings Ltd. reserves the right to undertake a surveillance/review of the rating from time to time, based on circumstances warranting such review, subject to at least one such review/surveillance every year.

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5. Our ratings do not factor in any rating related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facility/instrument, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and if triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.
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7. Our Issuer Ratings are **not** recommendations to buy or sell any securities of the issuer.

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Thanking you,

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Dear Sir,

**Credit Rating for Certificate of deposit(CD) issue aggregating to Rs. 650 crore**

On the basis of recent developments including operational and financial performance of your company for FY24 (Audited) and Q1FY25 (Provisional), our Rating Committee has reviewed the following rating:

Instrument	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
<b>Certificate Of Deposit</b>	<b>650.00</b> <b>(Enhanced from 250.00)</b>	<b>CARE A1+</b> <b>(A One Plus)</b>	<b>Reaffirmed</b>

2. Please inform us the below-mentioned details of issue immediately, but not later than 7 days from the date of placing the instrument:

Instrument type	ISIN	Issue Size (Rs cr.)	Coupon Rate	Coupon Payment Dates	Terms of Redemption	Redemption date	Name and contact details of Trustee/IPA	Details of top 10 investors
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3. CARE Ratings Ltd. reserves the right to undertake a surveillance/review of the rating from time to time, based on circumstances warranting such review, subject to at least one such review/surveillance every year.

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Dear Sir,

**Credit rating for proposed Lower Tier II Bonds (Basel II)**

Please refer to your request for rating of proposed Lower Tier II Bonds (Basel II) issue aggregating to Rs.500 crore of your Company.

2. The following ratings have been assigned by our Rating Committee:

Sr. No.	Instrument	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
1.	<b>Lower Tier II Bonds (Basel II)</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>CARE AA-; Stable (Double A Minus; Outlook: Stable)</b>	<b>Assigned</b>

3. Please arrange to get the rating revalidated, in case the proposed issue is not made within a period of six months from the date of our initial communication of rating to you (that is September 24, 2024).
4. In case there is any change in the size or terms of the proposed issue, please get the rating revalidated.
5. Please inform us the below-mentioned details of issue immediately, but not later than 7 days from the date of placing the instrument:

Instrument type	ISIN	Issue Size (Rs cr)	Coupon Rate	Coupon Payment Dates	Terms of Redemption	Redemption date	Name and contact details of Debenture Trustee	Details of top 10 investors
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6. Kindly arrange to submit to us a copy of each of the documents pertaining to the NCD issue, including the offer document and the trust deed.
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12. If you need any clarification, you are welcome to approach us in this regard. We are indeed, grateful to you for entrusting this assignment to CARE Ratings Ltd.

Thanking you,

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