

**TLREF  
TURKISH LIRA OVERNIGHT REFERENCE RATE  
RULES**

**1. PURPOSE**

Turkish Lira Overnight Reference Rate (TLREF) is created in order to meet the need of Turkish Lira short-term reference rate that can be used as underlying or benchmark in financial products, debt instruments and various types of financial contracts. TLREF is a measure of the rate at which Turkish banks lend and borrow from each other TL in circumstances where credit, liquidity and other risks are minimal (Underlying Interest).

**2. SCOPE AND CALCULATION METHOD**

**2.1. Scope**

The overnight repo transactions, that are secured by TL denominated government debt securities and realized on Borsa Istanbul Repo-Reverse Repo Market as of 15:30, with the starting value date of the same day, are used in the calculations. The following types of transactions are not included in the calculations and transaction types other than those listed below are considered as Eligible Transactions.

- Cross trade transactions
- Non cleared transactions
- Cancelled transactions
- Trade report transactions

**2.2. Calculation Method**

The Turkish Lira Overnight Reference Rate (TLREF) is calculated as the volume-weighted mean rate, based on the central 70% of the volume-weighted distribution of rates as follows:

- a) All Eligible Transactions traded on any given business day are ranked from the smallest to the largest with respect to the nominal interest rate reported on these transactions.
- b) The top and the bottom 15% of the traded volumes (associated to the highest and the lowest interest rates) are detected as outliers and removed from the observations.
- c) For the transactions which are at the upper and lower bounds, only the part of trading volume which falls in central 70% are included in the calculation.
- d) TLREF is calculated as the volume weighted mean of the remaining sample as follows:

$$TLREF = \sum_{i=1}^n (R_i * V_i) / V$$

Where:

$R_i$  is the interest rate;

$V_i$  is the volume corresponding to the rate  $R_i$ ;

$V$  is the total volume used for the calculation (sum of  $V_i$ ).

- e) TLREF is reported in percentage per annum (on an actual/365 day count convention).

### 2.3. Calculation and Dissemination Times

The calculations are made as of 15:30 on the days that BIST Repo-Reverse Repo Market is open. The TLREF value is announced via BISTECH Data Dissemination System at 15:50 on trading days and at 12:35 on half days. The reports showing TLREF values are shared from “Data Store” (<http://datastore.borsaistanbul.com/>) and at “Data/TLREF Data” page on Borsa Istanbul’s website (<https://www.borsaistanbul.com/en/home-page>) after 16:00 on trading days and after 12:45 on half days.

### 2.4. BIST TLREF Index

BIST TLREF Index is created in order to track the return of TLREF rate. Since the return of TLREF rate will be realized on the next trading day, BIST TLREF index reflects the return that will be realized on the next trading day.

The following formula is used in the calculation of index:

$$Index_t = Index_{t-1} \times [1 + TLREF_t \times \frac{g}{365}]$$

$Index_t$ : Value of the index at day t

$TLREF_t$ : TLREF rate at day t

$g$ : Duration of overnight repo transactions at day t

Calculated index values are shared in a similar way and time as specified in the article 2.3 for TLREF rate.

### 2.5. Starting Index / Rate Calculation

The starting date of calculation of TLREF rate is December 28, 2018 and the starting date of dissemination is June 17, 2019. The starting date of calculation and dissemination of BIST TLREF Index is June 17, 2019 and the starting value of BIST TLREF Index is 1000, as of June 14, 2019.

## 2.6. Data Precision

	Data Precision
TLREF Rates	Rounded to 4 decimal places
BIST TLREF Index Values	Rounded to 5 decimal places

## 3. OTHER

### 3.1. TLREF Committee

- a) TLREF Committee (Committee) is established in order to oversee the activities regarding the calculation and dissemination of TLREF rate and BIST TLREF Index and undertake studies to make necessary changes in the rules based on the market developments, and needs and requirements of the market participants.
- b) The Committee reviews, at least annually, the current methodology with a view to ensuring that it continues adequately to measure the Underlying Interest.
- c) Decisions by the Committee are taken with majority of the votes. The Committee is made up of representatives of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT), Republic of Turkey Ministry of Treasury and Finance, The Banks Association of Turkey, Turkish Capital Markets Association, İstanbul Settlement and Custody Bank and Borsa İstanbul.
- d) Any Committee member, who has the opinion that the TLREF rate, which is based on the overnight repo rate in the Borsa Istanbul Repo-Reverse Repo Market, does not in any way reflect the effective overnight borrowing / lending interest rate due to CBRT's monetary policy practices or other reasons, shall promptly express this opinion to the Committee. The Committee evaluates the reasoning of the member and by majority of the votes, adopts the TLREF rate generated by the current methodology, or adopts and announces a new rate representing the effective overnight borrowing / lending rate as TLREF rate.

### 3.2. Insufficiency of Input Data

Borsa Istanbul will consider that the data collected on a given day are sufficient to calculate the TLREF rate unless:

- a) The total number of Eligible Transactions is below 5,
- b) The total number of counterparties is below 5 and
- c) The total volume of the Eligible Transactions is below TL 5 billion.

If these data sufficiency conditions are not met, the TLREF rate will be determined as: The level of the Weighted Average Cost of the CBRT Funding rate plus the

mean of the spread of the TLREF to the Weighted Average Cost of the CBRT Funding rate (TLREF - Weighted Average Cost of the CBRT Funding rate), over the previous five publication days.

In the event that this contingency methodology is used, this will be clearly indicated in the TLREF page on Borsa Istanbul's website.

This methodology is only intended to be used for relatively short-term contingency events. If such an event was expected to be prolonged, the TLREF committee would consider the appropriate response at the time, with reference to the review and evolution process outlined in Section 3.1-d.

### **3.3. Delay in Calculation/Technical Problem**

In the case of a problem in the calculation due to any reason and, as a result, unavailability of related reports and values at the scheduled times, the announcements about the delay and the solution are made on the Borsa Istanbul's website.

### **3.4. Retroactive Correction in Calculated Values**

If an error is detected in a published value, only same day retroactive correction is made by the TLREF Committee's decision and the corrected values are republished. The announcement about the correction is made on the Borsa Istanbul's website.

### **3.5. Follow-up and Management**

Maintenance of TLREF is provided by Borsa Istanbul Index Directorate.

### **3.6. Changes in the Rules**

All changes about TLREF Rules are announced on Borsa Istanbul's website with the approval of TLREF Committee.

### **3.7. Nonregulated Subjects**

All practices about the subjects, which are not clearly explained or regulated in this document, are decided by TLREF Committee and announced on Borsa Istanbul's website.