

# FIRST SECURITY ISLAMI BANK

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## 1. Bank Overview

- **Established** on August 29, 1999; started operations on October 25, 1999; Shariah-compliant public limited bank headquartered in Dhaka. (~177 branches, 138 ATMs)
  - Has a five-member **Shariah board**, offers conventional Islamic banking products, and has Offshore Banking and e-KYC ('FSIBL Freedom') services
  - Experienced financial strain in 2022 due to unsecured loans; regulators intervened in September 2024 with board dissolution and liquidity support
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## 2. Account Types & Key Rules

### A. Retail and Savings

- **Al-Wadiah (current), Mudaraba savings**, term deposits, monthly income schemes, super savings, and specific Islamic schemes (education, Hajj, etc.)
  - **General Rules:**
    - Submit AOF during account opening; nominee required; minors need guardian
    - Adhere to installment schedules; premature withdrawal may reduce benefits. Address change must be reported; tax deducted at source on profit .
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### B. Corporate & Business Accounts

- Proprietorship, partnership, limited company, NGOs, educational institutions supported
  - Requires trade license, TIN, certificate of incorporation/partnership deed, board resolutions, signatory photos, seals, nominee details, and introducers where applicable
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## C. Foreign Currency Accounts & Offshore Banking

### 1. MFCTDA Mudaraba Foreign Currency Term Deposit Account

- For NRBs, foreign nationals, foreign-registered companies, EPZ/EZ units
- Can open in various currencies (USD, GBP, EUR, JPY, CHF, CAD, SGD, CNY, AUD); terms 3 months–5 years
- No tax on profit; profit & principal repatriable; can transfer balances to onshore accounts anytime
- Documents: passport/NID, work permit (if applicable), applicant and nominee photos, filled AOF (+ corporate docs if needed)

### 2. Mudaraba International Banking Account (MIBA)

- For resident Bangladeshi individuals/corporates receiving remittances from abroad
- Similar currency offerings, features, and documentation as MFCTDA

### 3. Non-Resident Investor's Taka Account (NITA)

- For NRBs and foreign nationals to trade in Bangladesh's capital market
- Enables investment in IPOs, stocks, and repatriation of capital/gains
- Eligibility: Bangladeshi passport holders abroad, foreign passport holders of Bangladeshi origin, other foreigners

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## 3. Account Opening Checklist (Serial)

1. **Select account type** (e.g., savings, current, MFCTDA, MIBA, NITA)
2. **Complete AOF & KYC forms**, include nominee info, introducer if required (especially for retail accounts)
3. **Attach documents:**

- Individuals: NID/passport, 2 photos, nominee photo & ID, mother's name, DOB, TIN
  - Corporate: trade license, incorporation documents, board resolution, signatory photos, TIN, seals
4. **Deposit initial balance** per account type
  5. **Complete verification**; branch processes KYC & AML / suspicious transaction reporting
  6. **Access services**: receive cheque book/debit card, RM for offshore accounts, set up internet/mobile banking
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## 4. Foreign & NRB Regulations

- **MFCTDA**: NRBs, foreign nationals, overseas companies, and EPZ units—all currencies; full repatriability; no tax/profit levy
  - **MIBA**: Resident Bangladeshis and resident corporates receiving foreign remittance; same currency/tax rules
  - **NITA**: Enables NRIs to invest in Bangladesh stock market; profit/capital fully repatriable
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## 5. Areas for Improvement

1. **Financial Stability & Transparency**
  - Strengthen lending discipline to avoid future liquidity issues; increase transparency, especially on board and large exposures
2. **Digital Banking Features**
  - Improve the “FSIBL Freedom” e-KYC and mobile app (cloud banking) with higher limits; address performance issues reported by users
3. **Branch & ATM Network**

- Expand ATM presence and resolve cash shortages experienced in 2024 .

#### **4. Customer Awareness & Product Promotion**

- Increase marketing of Islamic deposit schemes and offshore services; improve system-readiness for employees to promote products .

#### **5. Employee Training & Compliance**

- Enhance staff capability in digital onboarding, international products, and AML compliance; ensure quicker service delivery and accuracy .