

VBAR_EL3, Vector Base Address Register (EL3)

The VBAR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the vector base address for any exception that is taken to EL3.

Configuration

This register is present only when EL3 is implemented. Otherwise, direct accesses to VBAR_EL3 are undefined.

Attributes

VBAR_EL3 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions

63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32
Vector Base Address																															
Vector Base Address																RES0															
31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Bits [63:11]

Vector Base Address. Base address of the exception vectors for exceptions taken to EL3.

Note

If the implementation supports FEAT_LVA3, then:

- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:56] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

Otherwise:

If the implementation supports FEAT_LVA, then:

- If tagged addresses are being used, bits [55:52] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.
- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:52] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

If the implementation does not support FEAT_LVA, then:

- If tagged addresses are being used, bits [55:48] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.
- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:48] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

The reset behavior of this field is:

- On a Warm reset, this field resets to an architecturally unknown value.

Bits [10:0]

Reserved, res0.

Accessing VBAR_EL3

Accesses to this register use the following encodings in the System register encoding space:

MRS <Xt>, VBAR_EL3

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b110	0b1100	0b0000	0b000

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
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        UNDEFINED;
    elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
        X[t, 64] = VBAR_EL3;

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MSR VBAR_EL3, <Xt>

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    UNDEFINED;
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    VBAR_EL3 = X[t, 64];

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