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## M-Akiba Retail Bond

# FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Dial \*889# To Register and Buy

### 1. What is M-Akiba Retail Bond?

The M-Akiba Bond is a Retail Bond that has been issued by the Government of Kenya (GoK) to raise money to fund infrastructural projects. The bond is available exclusively on phone. A bond is a loan agreement between a borrower (GoK) and the lender (the general public). The money borrowed is paid back after an agreed period.

### 2. How do I Register and Buy the M-Akiba bond?

**To register:** Dial \*889# and follow the instructions

**To buy:** Once registered, there are two channels you may use to buy M-Akiba;

- i. Through your Mobile Money Wallet
  - Load your Mobile money account with at least **Kshs.3,000**; ensure you factor in the transaction costs.
  - Dial \*889# again after registering and choose the BUY option
- ii. Using Pesalink;
  - Ensure you are registered for M-Akiba by dialing \*889# on your phone and following instructions.
  - Use your preferred bank Pesalink channel, select Pesalink option, choose send money to phone option. Type 0733 889 889 as the phone number, enter amount of bond you wish to purchase. Under reason for payment/ narration, enter your ID number then submit.
  - You will receive an SMS confirmation from Pesalink and your respective bank

You are now on your way to saving with the M-Akiba Bond.

### 3. What will it cost me to buy the M-Akiba Bond during the offer period (primary market)?

The M-Akiba Re-open 3 is priced at Par. This means that one shilling is equivalent to one bond unit. Therefore, with a minimum of Kshs.3,000 you will be allocated 3,000 bond units.

The cost of buying M-Akiba bond will also include transaction costs (respective Mobile network operators (MNO) charges) – see discounted MNO Charges on the M-Akiba website - [www.m-akiba.go.ke](http://www.m-akiba.go.ke). When using Pesalink, charges may vary from bank to bank.

### 4. What is the interest rate for the M-Akiba Bond?

The interest rate for M-Akiba is 10% per year and is paid twice a year that is, after every six months.

### 5. When will the Government pay me back my money?

The maturity period of this bond is one year ending on 7th September 2020. You can however, sell before the end of this period by dialing \*889# and choosing the sell option.

### 6. When is the opening and closing date for the current M-Akiba bond?

The current bond issue will be available for purchase between **19th August and 6th September 2019**. If you buy after this period, you will incur additional charges for buying after close of offer in the secondary market.

### 7. What are the benefits of investing in M-Akiba Retail Bond?

- M-Akiba Bond is a low risk savings/investment product as it is backed by the financial might of the government
- It is affordable at only Kshs.3,000 as the minimum investment
- It is a steady source of income (interest paid every six months)
- The interest income is tax free.
- It is an effective way of saving for the future while earning interest
- Very convenient to buy and sell as everything is done using your phone.
- It is confidential and secure
- You have a guaranteed exit option. That is, you can sell the bond from anywhere within normal trading hours (Weekdays from 9.00am -3.00pm)
- You can transact from anywhere through your mobile phone.

### 8. Are there any additional costs when buying the M-Akiba bond?

When buying the bond in the offer period, between (19th August and 6th September 2019) the only costs incurred will be mobile money transaction charges. Total cost for secondary buy and sell is 0.335% of the value of the transaction. Normal mobile money and Pesalink transfer charges shall also apply to load or withdraw money from your mobile wallet. To view a detailed M-Akiba Costs and Returns Sheet, log on to [www.m-akiba.go.ke](http://www.m-akiba.go.ke)

### 9. Do I have to open another CDS account if I already have one?

If you registered for M-Akiba earlier, you already have an M-Akiba CDS account and therefore, you do not need another account. Please note however, that the M-Akiba CDS account is different from the usual shares CDS account.

### 10. Whom can I contact for additional information about M-Akiba bond?

You can contact us on **0206900020**. You can also email us on [info@m-akiba.go.ke](mailto:info@m-akiba.go.ke), or visit our website on [www.m-akiba.go.ke](http://www.m-akiba.go.ke). You can also visit Huduma Centre offices for assistance.

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