

Extension of Drawdown Window for the Government's Credit Guarantee Scheme

As part of the Government's additional measures to encourage lending by financial institutions (announced on 19 January 2009), the Government is extending the drawdown window of the Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) from 9 April 2009 to 31 December 2009, subject to state aid approval. All other aspects of the scheme will remain the same, including the final maturity date of 9 April 2014.

During the drawdown window, eligible banks and building societies can issue new guaranteed debt. After the closure of the drawdown window, those banks and building societies can continue rolling over any outstanding guaranteed debt (all of it until 13 April 2012 and up to one-third of the total until 9 April 2014).

Further details of the scheme's operation are available on the CGS section of the DMO website at www.dmo.gsi.gov.uk.

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