

NATIONAL SAVINGS FIXED RATE SAVINGS BONDS—NEW ISSUES

New Issues of Fixed Rate Savings Bonds went on sale on 24th May 2001, as shown in the table below. The rate of interest earned by a Bond will be determined by its capital value at any time—the original investment plus any interest added to the Bond less any repayments. The rate is determined by whether the interest is paid monthly or at maturity. Interest is paid net of tax.

| Term | Capital value of Bond | Gross Annual Rates | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Monthly interest option | Interest at maturity |
| 6 months Issue 8 | £500 to £19,999.99 | 4.4% | 4.5% |
| | £20,000 to £49,999.99 | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| | £50,000 and above | 4.75% | 4.9% |
| 1 year Issue 7 | £500 to £19,999.99 | 4.4% | 4.5% |
| | £20,000 to £49,999.99 | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| | £50,000 and above | 4.75% | 4.9% |
| 2 years Issue 4 | £500 to £19,999.99 | 4.5% | 4.6% |
| | £20,000 to £49,999.99 | 4.7% | 4.8% |
| | £50,000 and above | 4.85% | 5% |

NATIONAL SAVINGS PENSIONERS GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS 1-YEAR TERM—NEW SERIES

Series 4 1-year Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds went on sale on 24th May 2001. The interest rate, fixed and guaranteed for the first year a Bond is held, is 4.75% pa gross. The interest is paid gross and is taxable.

NATIONAL SAVINGS PENSIONERS GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS 2-YEAR TERM—NEW SERIES

Series 10 2-year Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds went on sale on 24th May 2001. The interest rate, fixed and guaranteed for the first two years a Bond is held, is 4.8% pa gross. The interest is paid gross and is taxable.

NATIONAL SAVINGS PENSIONERS GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS 5-YEAR TERM—NEW SERIES

Series 19 5-year Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds went on sale on 24th May 2001. The interest rate, fixed and guaranteed for the first five years a Bond is held, is 4.9% pa gross. The interest is paid gross and is taxable.

NATIONAL SAVINGS INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATE

On and from 1st June 2001 the variable tax-free rate of interest payable on Individual Savings Accounts (cash mini and TESSA-only) will be 5.45% pa.

NATIONAL SAVINGS ORDINARY ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES

On and from 1st June 2001 the variable rates of interest payable on Ordinary Accounts will be as follows:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Standard rate | 1% pa |
| Higher rate | 1.1% pa |

The Higher rate of interest is paid for each complete calendar month that £500 or more is in the account.

NEW GENERAL EXTENSION RATE

On and from 1st June 2001 the variable rate of interest for National Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) earning the General Extension Rate will be 2.4% pa tax-free.

NATIONAL SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES

On and from 7th June 2001 the variable gross rates of interest payable on Investment Accounts will be as follows:

| Balance in Account | Rate of Interest |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| up to £499.99 | 3.75% pa |
| £500 to £2,499.99 | 3.85% pa |
| £2,500 to £4,999.99 | 3.95% pa |
| £5,000 to £9,999.99 | 4.05% pa |
| £10,000 to £24,999.99 | 4.25% pa |
| £25,000 to £49,999.99 | 4.55% pa |
| £50,000 and above | 4.95% pa |

NATIONAL SAVINGS TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATES

On and from 7th June 2001 the variable gross rates of interest payable on Treasurer's Accounts will be as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| £10,000 to £24,999.99 | 4.25% pa |
| £25,000 to £99,999.99 | 4.55% pa |
| £100,000 and above | 4.95% pa |

NATIONAL SAVINGS INCOME BONDS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATE

On and from 5th July 2001 the variable "Treasury Rate" of interest payable on Income Bonds will be 4.85% pa gross. The bonus rate for bonds held under the same register number with a total capital value of at least £25,000 will be 0.25% pa gross.

NATIONAL SAVINGS DEPOSIT BONDS—NEW INTEREST RATE

On and from 5th July 2001 the rate of interest payable on Deposit Bonds will be 4.8% pa gross.

PREMIUM SAVINGS BONDS—NOTICE OF NEW INTEREST RATE AND CHANGE TO SCALE OF PRIZES

On and from 1st September 2001 the rate of interest specified for determining the amount of the prize fund will be 3.5% pa. In respect of each prize draw there will be one prize for every 21,500 bond units eligible for inclusion in the draw.

Issued by National Savings on behalf of the Treasury (1002)

Bank of England

An ACCOUNT pursuant to the Acts 7 & 8 Vict. ch. 32, 18 & 19 Geo. 5 ch. 13 and 19 & 20 Eliz. 2 ch. 24, for the week ending on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May 2001.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

| | £ | | £ |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Notes Issued: | | Government Debt | — |
| In Circulation | 27,363,633,835 | Other Government Securities | 13,498,175,853 |
| In Banking Department | 6,366,165 | Other Securities | 13,871,824,147 |
| | | Coin other than Gold Coin | — |
| | | Amount of Fiduciary Issue | £27,370,000,000 |
| | | Gold Coin and Bullion | — |
| | £27,370,000,000 | | £27,370,000,000 |

Dated the 24th day of May 2001.

M. V. Lowther, Chief Cashier