

PRA RULEBOOK: CRR FIRMS: STEP-IN RISK INSTRUMENT 2025**Powers exercised**

- A. The Prudential Regulation Authority (“PRA”) makes this instrument in the exercise of the following powers and related provisions in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“the Act”):
- (1) section 137G (The PRA’s general rules);
 - (2) section 137T (General supplementary powers); and
 - (3) section 192XA (Rules applying to holding companies).
- B. The rule-making powers referred to above are specified for the purpose of section 138G(2) (Rule-making instrument) of the Act.

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- C. The PRA makes the rules in the Annexes to this instrument.

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- D. The rules in this instrument include any template, Annex or instruction document referred to in the rules. Where indicated by “here”, the rules when published electronically will include a hyperlink to the appropriate document.

Commencement

- E. This instrument comes into force on 1 January 2026.

Citation

- F. This instrument may be cited as the PRA Rulebook: CRR Firms: Step-in Risk Instrument 2025.

By order of the Prudential Regulation Committee

15 April 2025

Annex A

Amendments to the Glossary Part

In this Annex new text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Article 18(8) relationship

means:

a subsidiary (as defined in Article 4(1)(16) of the CRR) of the firm or an undertaking in which the firm holds a participation (as defined in Article 4(1)(35) of the CRR), other than an institution, financial institution or ancillary services undertaking (as defined in Article 4(1)(18) of the CRR), where all the following conditions are met:

- (1) the undertaking is not a UK Solvency II firm, a third country branch undertaking, an insurance holding company or an undertaking within Article 4(1)(27)(k) of the CRR; and
- (2) there is a substantial risk that the firm provides financial support to that subsidiary or undertaking in stressed conditions, in the absence of, or in excess of any contractual obligations to provide such support.

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excluded entity

means:

- (1) a UK Solvency II firm;
- (2) a third country insurance undertaking;
- (3) an insurance holding company;
- (4) a credit institution;
- (5) a designated investment firm;
- (6) a non-directive firm; and
- (7) where the firm is part of a consolidation group, an undertaking included within the scope of the firm's prudential consolidation on a full consolidation basis.

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ICAAP assessment

means a firm's written record of the assessments required under the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Part.

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immaterial step-in entity

means a step-in entity which, when step-in risk is considered both individually and in combination with other similar entities, would not, given its size relative to the firm, materially impact the firm's liquidity or capital positions.

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material step-in entity

means a step-in entity other than an immaterial step-in entity.

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step-in entity

means an unconsolidated entity identified in accordance with Step-in Risk 6.1(1).

step-in risk

means the risk that the firm provides financial support to a step-in entity in stressed conditions, in the absence of, or in excess of any contractual obligation to do so.

step-in risk assessment

means the assessment carried out in accordance with Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of the Step-in Risk Part and completion of data items SI700.00, SI01.00 and SI02.00 as required by the Regulatory Reporting Part.

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unconsolidated entity

means an undertaking other than an excluded entity, including, but not limited to:

- (1) SSPEs (as defined in Article 4(1)(66) of the CRR);
- (2) asset management companies (as defined in Article 4(1)(19) of the CRR);
- (3) financial institutions;
- (4) ancillary services undertakings (as defined in Article 4(1)(18) of the CRR);
- (5) suppliers under material outsourcing arrangements; and
- (6) where the firm is a member of a consolidation group, undertakings that have been included within the scope of prudential consolidation on a proportional consolidation basis and those that have been consolidated using the equity method.

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Annex B

Step-in Risk Part

In this Annex the text is all new and is not underlined.

Part

STEP-IN RISK

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1 APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Unless otherwise stated, this Part applies to:
- (1) a *firm* that is a *CRR firm* but not an *SDDT*; and
 - (2) a *CRR consolidation entity* that is not an *SDDT consolidation entity*.
- 1.2 In this Part, the following definitions shall apply:
- other contractual or non-contractual exposure*
- means where a *firm* is exposed to equity-like returns from the assets of an *unconsolidated entity* or risks related to that *undertaking's* performance.
- step-in risk policy*
- means the policies and procedures established in accordance with 8.
- step-in sponsor*
- means a *sponsor* or a *firm* that manages or advises an *unconsolidated entity*, places its securities into the market or provides it with liquidity and/or credit enhancements.
- 1.3 Unless otherwise defined, any italicised expression used in this Part and in the *CRR* has the same meaning as in the *CRR*.
- 1.4 Interpretation 2.13 does not apply to this Part.

2 LEVEL OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 A *firm* must comply with this Part on an individual basis.
- 2.2 2.1 does not apply where the *firm* is a member of a *consolidation group*.
- 2.3 A *CRR consolidation entity* must comply with this Part on the basis of its *consolidated situation*.
- 2.4 For the purposes of 2.3 and 2.6, references to a *firm* in this Part (other than in 1.1, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.5) means a *CRR consolidation entity*.
- 2.5 A *firm* that is required to comply with Parts Two and Three of the *CRR* on a *sub-consolidated basis* shall comply with this Part on the same basis.
- 2.6 A *CRR consolidation entity* that is required to comply with Parts Two and Three of the *CRR* on a *sub-consolidated basis* shall comply with this Part on the same basis.

3 MANAGING STEP-IN RISK

- 3.1 A *firm* must identify, monitor and manage *step-in risk*.
- 3.2 A *firm* must take all reasonable steps to mitigate significant *step-in risk* in respect of its *material step-in entities*.

4 STRATEGIES, PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS

- 4.1 A *firm* must have in place sound, effective and comprehensive strategies, processes and systems that enable it to comply with 3.
- 4.2 The strategies, processes and systems required by 4.1 must be proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the *firm's* activities.

5 STEP-IN RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 A *firm* must prepare and regularly update its *step-in risk assessment*.

6 IDENTIFICATION OF STEP-IN ENTITIES

6.1 A *firm* must identify:

- (1) all *unconsolidated entities* with which it has one or more of the following relationships:
 - (a) *step-in sponsor*;
 - (b) debt or equity investor (excluding investments that arise from market-making activities); or
 - (c) *other contractual or non-contractual exposure*;
- (2) *immaterial step-in entities*; and
- (3) *material step-in entities*.

6.2 For the purpose of complying with 6.1, a *firm* is not required to identify a relationship with an *SSPE* where:

- (1) the only relationship the *firm* has with the *SSPE* is in relation to a *securitisation* which the *SSPE* was established to carry out and in which the *firm* only holds a *senior securitisation position*; and
- (2) the *firm* is not an *original lender, originator or sponsor* in relation to the *securitisation*.

7 ASSESSMENT OF MATERIAL STEP-IN ENTITIES

7.1 A *firm* must assess whether *step-in risk* in respect of its *material step-in entities* is significant.

7.2 When undertaking the assessment required by 7.1, a *firm* must consider at least:

- (1) the purpose and design of the *material step-in entity*; and
- (2) the risk indicators set out in *data item SI02.00* in the Regulatory Reporting Part.

7.3 A *firm* must assess the potential impact on the *firm* of providing financial support to a *material step-in entity* were *step-in risk* to materialise.

8 STEP-IN RISK POLICY

8.1 A *firm* must document its policies and procedures for assessing *step-in risk*.

8.2 A *firm's step-in risk policy* must:

- (1) set out the *persons* responsible for identifying, assessing, monitoring, and managing the *firm's step-in risk*;
- (2) describe the *firm's* approach to identifying *material step-in entities* and *immaterial step-in entities*;
- (3) describe the *firm's* approach to the assessment required by 7; and
- (4) describe the process used to obtain the necessary information to conduct the *step-in risk assessment*.

8.3 The content and level of detail of a *firm's step-in risk policy* must be proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the *firm's* activities.

8.4 A *firm's step-in risk policy* must be reviewed:

- (1) regularly, and at least every three years; and
- (2) whenever there is any material change in the types of *step-in entity* or in the risk profile of *unconsolidated entities* to which the *firm* is, or may be, exposed.

8.5 A *firm* must be able to provide to the *PRA* on request a current version of its *step-in risk policy*, together with all versions that applied during the preceding three years.

9 GOVERNANCE

9.1 A *firm* must ensure that its *management body* approves its *step-in risk assessment*.

9.2 A *firm* must ensure that its *management body* approves its *step-in risk policy*.

10 REPORTING

10.1 A *firm* must submit the *data items* representing its *step-in risk assessment* to the *PRA* in accordance with the applicable requirements in the Regulatory Reporting Part.

PART EXTERNALLY DEFINED TERMS

Term	Definition source
consolidated situation	has the meaning given in point (47) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
original lender	has the meaning given in point (14a) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
originator	has the meaning given in point (13) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
securitisation	has the meaning given in point (61) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
senior securitisation position	has the meaning given Article 242(6) of <i>CRR</i>
sponsor	has the meaning given in point (14) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
SSPE	has the meaning given in point (66) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>
sub-consolidated basis	has the meaning given in point (49) of Article 4(1) of <i>CRR</i>

Annex C

Amendments to the Groups Part

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2 METHODS OF PRUDENTIAL CONSOLIDATION

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2.1 (1) In applying the requirements of Part One, Title II, Chapter 2 of the *CRR* for the purposes of prudential consolidation, a *CRR consolidation entity* must include the relevant proportion of an undertaking with whom it has:

(a) ~~a common management relationship;~~

(b) ~~an Article 18(6) relationship;~~ or

(c) an Article 18(8) relationship.

(2) In 2.1(1), the relevant proportion is such proportion (if any) as stated in a requirement imposed on the *firm* in accordance with section 55M of *FSMA*.

[Note: Art 18(3), ~~and (6) and (8)~~ of the *CRR*]

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Annex D

Amendments to the Reporting Pillar 2 Part

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1 APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS

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1.6 In this Part the following definitions shall apply:

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~~ICAAP assessment~~

~~means a firm's written record of the assessments required under Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment.~~

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Annex E

Amendments to the Regulatory Reporting Part

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1 APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS

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1.1A Where this Part requires a *data item* to be submitted on a *consolidated basis* or *sub-consolidated basis* the *CRR consolidation entity* must comply ~~with it~~ on that basis and for this purpose, references to a *firm* in this Part, other than in 1.1(1) ~~and 24~~, mean a *CRR consolidation entity*.

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2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – DATA ITEMS

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2.12 A CRR firm (other than an SDDT) and a CRR consolidation entity (other than an SDDT consolidation entity) must also submit data items as required by Chapter 24.

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24 STEP-IN RISK REPORTING

24.1 This Chapter applies only to:

- (1) a firm that is a CRR firm but not an SDDT; and
- (2) a CRR consolidation entity that is not an SDDT consolidation entity.

24.2 A firm that is required to comply with the Step-in Risk Part on an individual basis or sub-consolidated basis must comply with this Chapter on the same basis.

24.3 A CRR consolidation entity must comply with this Chapter on the same basis as it is required to comply with the Step-in Risk Part and, for this purpose, references to a firm in this Chapter (other than in 24.1(1) and 24.2) mean a CRR consolidation entity.

24.4 A firm must complete:

- (1) data item SI700.00;
- (2) data item SI01.00 if the firm identifies a step-in entity; and
- (3) data item SI02.00 if the firm identifies a material step-in entity,

in each case for the step-in risk assessment required in the Step-in Risk Part.

24.5 A firm must submit the data items it is required to complete by this Chapter to the PRA at the same time as the firm submits its ICAAP assessment to the PRA.

24.6 When submitting the required data items, a firm must use the template for the data item set out in 24.7.

24.7 (1) SI700.00 can be found [here](#).

(2) SI01.00 can be found [here](#).

(3) SI02.00 can be found [here](#).