

How they compare

	Existing framework	Seasoning framework	Exempt bond issuer framework
What is it	Allows the listing of retail bonds on SGX.	Allows retail investors to purchase SGX-listed wholesale bonds initially offered to institutions and accredited investors, six months after the bonds have been listed.	Grants a prospectus exemption for offers of bonds to retail investors by issuers who are able to satisfy certain eligibility criteria, which are higher than those under the seasoning framework. No need to wait for six months of seasoning.
Features of bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed or floating rate • Senior or subordinated* • May be perpetual securities • Disclosure of factors affecting credit standing of issuer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed term not exceeding 10 years • Repayment of the principal sum at the end of the fixed term • Periodic interest payments which cannot be deferred • A fixed or a floating interest rate (comprising a reference rate plus a fixed margin which cannot be decreased) • Not convertible into or exchangeable for other securities • Not asset-backed securities or structured notes • Unsubordinated 	
Offering Document	Prospectus or offer information statement, and product highlights sheet.	Offer document issued to wholesale investors when the bonds were first offered, and product highlights sheet.	Simplified disclosure document and product highlights sheet.

NOTE: *When an issuer defaults, subordinated bonds are repaid after unsubordinated debts such as corporate borrowings and loans are repaid.

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