

# Botswana's Exchange Rate: Evolving, Not Overnight

Following adjustments made in July 2025, refinements effective January 2026 aim to support exporters, preserve foreign exchange reserves, and encourage a more active FX market.

Access Bank Botswana is providing insights and guidance to support clients as they navigate these changes and plan effectively in a evolving FX environment.

## Why Botswana's Exchange Rate Policy Matters

- Recent adjustments reflect real economic pressures.
- With diamond exports driving a large share of foreign currency inflows, global slowdowns have put pressure on reserves, while import demand remains high.
- The updated FX framework better aligns the Pula with trade realities, supports export competitiveness, and reduces long-term strain on reserves.

**A resilient FX system also strengthens economic diversification and sustainable growth.**

## How the Updated Policy Affects Businesses & Individuals

### What does the FX policy update mean in practice?

- Exporters benefit from improved incentives to convert earnings locally
- Importers must plan FX needs more carefully
- Businesses need to factor FX movements into pricing and cash flow decisions

**FX is no longer just a treasury function, it's a strategic business consideration.**