

Asia Credit Rating Guidebook

Regulatory Rating Requirements
& Credit Rating Agencies in Asia

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(1) Regulatory Rating Requirements in Asia

Jurisdiction	Bond (Public)	Bond (Private)	Bank Loans	Note/Others
Bahrain	NO	NO	NO	
Bangladesh	YES	YES	NO	YES: ABS, Equity Shares, Banks, NBFI, Insurance Comp.
India	YES ^{1/2/}	NO	NO	1/ Regulations for minimum rating categories exist for investment by insurance companies and pension funds. 2/ More than 2 ratings are required for SPC based securitized debt instruments. YES: Deposit Taking NBFC, Asset Reconstruction Comp., LPG/SKO's Parallel Marketers, Resolution Plan
Indonesia	YES	NO	NO	YES: Non-Bank Corporations' Foreign Currency External Borrowing ("BB-" or above)
Japan	NO	NO	NO	YES: Listing at Tokyo Pro-Bond Market
Korea	YES ^{3/}	NO	NO	3/ Multiple ratings YES: Commercial Paper (multiple ratings)
Malaysia	NO ^{4/}	NO	NO	4/ Except for bonds and Sukuk sold to retail investors. YES: Certain structured products
Pakistan	YES ^{5/}	YES	NO ^{6/}	5/ Minimum "BBB-" 6/ Incentivized by applying 125% risk weight for unrated loans. YES: Commercial Paper (with minimum rating level at "A-" (MLT) and "A2" (ST) YES: All banks, DFIs, Microfinance Banks, Underwriter, Modaraba, NBFC, Security Broker, Insurance company
PR China	YES ^{7/}	NO	NO	7/ Certain ABS (2 Ratings)
Philippines	YES	NO	NO	YES: Commercial paper
Taiwan	NO ^{8/}	NO	NO	8/ Issue rating is not mandatory any longer and it may use issuer's rating as a proxy.
Thailand	YES	NO	NO	
Turkey	NO	NO	NO	

N.B. This table refers to the statutory rating requirements mandated by laws and regulations. In practice, however, ratings are often "encouraged", "advised" and/or "requested by investors". Please see each country's page for details.

(2) Credit Rating Agencies in Asia

Jurisdiction	CRA (Abbreviation)	Est. Year	HQ	No. of Rated Entities ^{1/}	URL
Bahrain	IIRA	2002	Bahrain	39	http://iirating.com/
Bangladesh	CRAB	2003	Dhaka	11,000+	http://crab.com.bd/
	CRISL	1995	Dhaka	22,688	http://www.crislbd.com/
	ECRL	2009	Dhaka	11,715	http://emergingrating.com/
	NCRL	2010	Dhaka	6,684	http://www.ncrbd.com/
India	Acuité	2005	Mumbai	50,000+	https://www.acuite.in/
	BWR	2007	Bangalore	15,000	http://www.brickworkratings.com
	CARE Ratings	1993	Mumbai	~7,800	http://www.careratings.com/
	CRISIL	1987	Mumbai	25,000+	http://www.crisil.com/index.jsp
	ICRA	1991	Gurugram	6,393	http://www.icra.in/
Indonesia	PEFINDO	1993	Jakarta	694	http://www.pefindo.com/index.php
Japan	JCR	1985	Tokyo	729	https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/
Korea	KR	1983	Seoul	504	http://www.korearatings.com
	NICE	2007	Seoul	558	http://eng.nicerating.com/main.do
Malaysia	MARC	1995	Kuala Lumpur	88	http://www.marc.com.my/
	RAM Ratings	1990	Kuala Lumpur	246	http://www.ram.com.my/
Pakistan	JCR-VIS	1997	Karachi	236	http://www.jcrvis.com.pk/
	PACRA	1994	Lahore	208	http://www.pacra.com/
PR China	CCX	1992	Beijing	4,000+	http://www.ccxi.com.cn/en
	LCR	2000	Beijing	1,000+	http://www.lhratings.com/
	Dagong	1994	Beijing	n.a.	http://en.dagongcredit.com/
	FECR	1988	Shanghai	56	http://www.sfecr.com/
	Golden	2005	Beijing	824	http://www.dfratings.com/
	Shanghai Brilliance	1992	Shanghai	1,680	http://shxsi.com/en/
Philippines	PhilRatings	1985	Manila	75	http://philratings.com.ph
Taiwan	TRC	1997	Taipei	171	http://www.taiwanratings.com/portal/?lang=en
Thailand	TRIS Rating	1993	Bangkok	196	http://trisrating.com
Turkey	JCR-ER	2007	Istanbul	200+	http://www.jcrer.com.tr

^{1/} As of either end of Dec 2017 or around Aug 2018 when it was updated. For details, please check each company's profile. Ratings on financial products (e.g., ABS) are not included.