



**STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN**  
**BANKING POLICY & REGULATIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**I. I. CHUNDRIGAR ROAD**  
**KARACHI**

**BPRD Circular Letter No. 17**

**May 6, 2022**

The Presidents / Chief Executives  
All Banks / DFIs / MFBs

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Revised Office Timings**

It is advised that State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will observe the following working days and office timings with immediate effect:

<b>Days</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>
Monday to Thursday	09:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Prayer / lunch break 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Prayer / lunch break 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

2. Banks / MFBs may prescribe business (banking) hours for public dealing as per their business requirements provided the business (banking) hours being observed by the field offices of SBP Banking Services Corporation (SBP-BSC) are complied with as a minimum benchmark for this purpose.

3. Further, in order to ensure the availability of basic banking facilities to business community and public at large, banks / MFBs may open their selected branches situated in major cities / business centers / commercial markets & hubs / ports etc. on Saturdays as per their business requirements. The collection booths of banks located at Custom Houses / Ports shall remain open 24/7 as per existing practice. However, banks / MFBs shall submit a complete list of branches that will be opened on Saturdays to the Banking Policy & Regulations Department and also place the updated list of such branches on their websites. For the information of customers, banks / MFBs shall prominently display in the concerned branch that this branch will remain open on Saturdays.

4. The above instructions shall continue to remain in force unless modified or withdrawn.

Yours truly,

Sd/-  
**(Sajjad Ahmad)**  
**Senior Joint Director**