## Changes to LIBOR as of end-2021

Of particular interest to: market participants in LIBOR contracts

## In brief

The FCA has published a reminder on changes to LIBOR.

## Summary

Until the end of 2021 there were 35 versions of LIBOR, being 7 tenors (overnight, 1 week, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 6 months and 12 months) over the five currencies of CHF, EUR, GBP, JPY and USD).

The FCA reminds everyone that the publication of the following versions (24 in total) has **ended**:

- All EUR and CHF tenors
- The overnight, 1 week, 2 month and 12 month tenors re GBP and JPY
- The 1 week and 2 month USD tenors.

There remains the 1, 3 and 6 month GBP and JPY tenors. However as the panel of banks no longer submits data to create these rates they will instead be published on a 'synthetic basis' **until the end of 2022**. At that time synthetic JPY LIBOR will **cease** whereas the 'availability of synthetic sterling LIBOR is **not guaranteed** beyond end-2022". With regard to the latter the FCA encourages firms to continue with efforts to transition away from the synthetic sterling LIBOR. The FCA also reminds market participants that whilst these synthetic rates are **permitted** in **legacy contracts** (except cleared derivatives), their use is not permitted in any **new contracts** after 31 December 2021.

The remaining 5 USD versions (overnight, 1,3,6 and 12 month) **will continue** to be calculated using panel bank submissions until the end of June 2023 but, again, only for use in **existing** contracts (however for the sake of completeness reference should be made to the 5 '**exceptions**' listed in section 1.2 of the USD LIBOR Prohibition Notice – see 'Useful Links').

## **Useful Links**

FCA: Changes to LIBOR

FCA: LIBOR Transition

FCA: Prohibition on use of USD LIBOR