

Survey: CAS
Forms: Web tables

Current account survey (CAS)

Information on this release

Release	1.0
Valid from	31 March 2023
Adjustment	31 March 2024
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Changes

- The current account survey CAS provides data used by the Swiss National Bank in drawing up the balance of payments statistics for Switzerland (including Liechtenstein) in accordance with its statutory mandate ([Federal Act on the Swiss National Bank](#)).
- The CAS survey covers transactions between entities domiciled in Switzerland/Liechtenstein (residents) and counterparties abroad (non-residents) in connection with trade in goods, services and intangible assets. Cross-border transactions relating to investment income, insurance operations and various transfers such as fines, penalties and aid are also covered.
- The CAS survey comes in three configurations: CAS-B for banks, CAS-I for insurance corporations and CAS-G for all other reporting institutions.
- The CAS survey replaces the current account surveys CAGQ, CABQ, CAIQ and CATQ.
- Further information:
 - o [Notes to the CAS survey](#)
 - o [Support in migrating the CAxQ surveys to CAS](#)
 - o [Information on the subject-specific model underlying the CAS survey](#)
 - o [Information on the delivery formats and submitting reports](#)
 - o [General information on the introduction of the revised current account survey and web tables in eSurvey](#)

Release Notes

eSurvey online reporting platform, survey documents, reporting requirements, responsibilities

eSurvey online reporting platform	<p>Current account survey data is collected and submitted exclusively via eSurvey.</p> <p>Access to the current account survey in eSurvey requires two-factor authentication.</p> <p>User administration is managed by inhouse administrators at the reporting institutions.</p> <p>(Further information: Key points on eSurvey)</p>
Survey documents	<p>The current account survey is based on web tables with the option of uploading files in CSV or XML format.</p> <p>The CAS survey is available in eSurvey under 'Understanding and testing surveys'.</p>
Reporting requirements	<p>The reporting requirements are shown in eSurvey.</p> <p>For companies that have already registered administrators in eSurvey, the latter will be informed of the reporting requirements by email.</p> <p>For companies that have not yet registered administrators in eSurvey, their executive management will be informed of the reporting requirements and asked to register administrators in eSurvey.</p> <p>Registration of administrators is mandatory for participation in the current account survey.</p>
Responsibilities	<p>Administrators can themselves create further contacts and accounts in eSurvey. These contacts must be allocated responsibilities for surveys. A company will only be able to meet its reporting obligations in eSurvey and submit reports if these responsibilities have been properly allocated.</p>
Initial reference date	31 March 2023
Deadline	1 month

Contact details and news

Contacts	Swiss National Bank – Contacts
Automatic notification via RSS and News Alert	Swiss National Bank – Information on reporting

Release Notes

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Specific clarifications and supplementary information have been added to the Notes to the Current Account Survey CAS. These are purely textual changes. The survey structure remains unchanged.

The main adjustment concerns the differentiation of payments of compensation in two components:

Old	New
20.2 Fines and penalties	20.2 Fines, penalties and payments of compensation
20.5 Payments of compensation, guarantees, player transfers, debt forgiveness and inheritances (legacies)	20.5 Guarantees, player transfers, debt forgiveness, inheritances (legacies) and payments of compensation for extensive damages

A distinction is now made between payments of compensation such as those for the non-fulfilment of contracts (20.2) and payments of compensation for extensive damages such as oil spillages (20.5). Further details can be found in the [Notes](#).

As a result of the textual changes, the XML schema, CSV template, reconciliation table, information on the subject-specific model, and consistency rule formulations have been adjusted.

Report versions

Web tables: 1.0
xml: 1.0
CSV: 1.0

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The CSV format for the new current account survey has been revised. In the current version, the presentation has been simplified and also optimised with regard to filtering and sorting the items. The adapted CSV is compatible with the previously published version.

The XSD structure definition has been adapted so that only the value EMPTY is possible for questions used to narrow down the survey content (corresponds to the table *Select categories*). The sample XML files have been adapted accordingly.

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