# Amendments pertaining to Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) | RBI Circular dated April 21, 2022

# What is LEI?

LEI code is a 20-digit unique code to identify parties to financial transactions worldwide to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems for better risk management post the Global Financial Crisis

# Who is required to take LEI?

Non-individual or corporate borrowers enjoying aggregate exposure of ₹5 crore and above from banks and financial institutions (FIs) shall be required to obtain LEI codes. However, Departments/Agencies of Central and State Governments (not PSUs registered under Companies Act or established as Corporation under the relevant statute) are exempted.

# **Timeline for obtaining LEI by borrowers**

Total Exposure	On or before
Above ₹25 crore	April 30, 2023
Above ₹10 crore, up to ₹25 crore	April 30, 2024
₹5 crore and above, up to ₹10 crore	April 30, 2025

#### Who will issue the LEI?

An authorized Local Operating Unit (LOU)- like Legal Entity Identifier India Ltd (LEIIL)

# Compliance to be ensured by whom?

#### Existing:

- 1. All Scheduled Commercial Banks (Excluding Regional Rural Banks),
- 2. All India Financial Institutions (Exim Bank, SIDBI, NHB, NABARD)
- **3. Local Area Banks, Small Finance Banks**

#### New insertion:

- 4. Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)
- 5. Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)

#### What compliances are to be ensured?

- ✓ No renewal / enhancement of credit facilities without LEI
- Capture the LEI in CRILC reporting
- Ensure renewal of the LEI codes as per Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation guidelines

### **Consequences of Non-Compliance**

Borrowers who do not obtain LEI as per the schedule are not to be granted renewal / enhancement of credit facilities

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