

# Bank of England

## Bank of England Branch Return

01 March 2026

An updated Branch Return Excel form and schema have been published to align with changes introduced in [PS6/25 – International firms: Updates to SS5/21 and branch reporting](#). The changes are effective from Sunday 01 March 2026 and therefore the updated Excel form must be used from reporting reference date 30 June 2026.

Once the Excel form has been completed, an XML file must be generated and loaded into the BEEDS portal. We have also published an updated XSD schema for those who prefer to generate their XML file directly from this.

We have published a common problems document alongside this release which covers the following points.

- Where to find the latest template
- How to generate an XML file from the Excel template
- Common error messages

An updated validation rules spreadsheet has also been published and should be reviewed to check your data complies before attempting submission via BEEDS.

For any queries on the BEEDS portal please contact [BEEDSqueries@bankofengland.co.uk](mailto:BEEDSqueries@bankofengland.co.uk) For queries specific to the Branch return reporting requirements please contact your usual supervisory contact.