

## **Rapid Compensation Payments to Depositors of “Yangi Bank” JSC by the Deposit Guarantee Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

In accordance with the decision of the Board of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 15 January 2026, the license authorizing “Yangi Bank” Joint Stock Company to conduct banking activities was revoked. The decision also initiated the compulsory liquidation of the bank and approved the composition of the liquidation commission. Under the applicable legislation, this constitutes a guarantee event and serves as the legal basis for the Deposit Guarantee Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan to activate mechanisms for protecting depositors’ interests and implementing compensation payments in accordance with established legal procedures.

Pursuant to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Guarantees of Protection of Deposits in Banks” (Law No. 1031), deposits of individuals and business entities in banks in amounts of up to UZS 200 million are guaranteed by the State. In the event of a guarantee event, these funds are reimbursed in full from the resources of the Deposit Guarantee Agency. Any portion of deposits exceeding the established guarantee limit is considered within the bank liquidation process in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law.

In line with legislative requirements, the Deposit Guarantee Agency must ensure that at least three-quarters of depositors are provided with access to compensation payments within 15 business days from the date of the guarantee event. Beginning 1 January 2027, this period is scheduled to be reduced to 7 business days.

To ensure the effective organization of compensation payments, and based on criteria including financial stability, capital adequacy, extensive regional infrastructure, and technical readiness to process large-scale compensation payments, on 27 January 2026, Business Development Bank JSC was officially designated as the agent bank.

Based on the register formed by the Deposit Guarantee Agency using data provided by the Yangi Bank liquidation commission, the Agency submitted to the agent bank information on compensation payments totaling UZS 208 billion (approximately USD 16.9 million) for 31,507 depositors with covered deposits. This covered 98.7 percent of the bank’s total 31,931 depositors.

Breakdown by depositor category:

- Individuals: 31,327 depositors – UZS 205 billion
- Legal entities: 126 depositors – UZS 2.9 billion
- Individual entrepreneurs: 54 depositors – UZS 261 million

Compensation payments commenced on 29 January 2026 and were carried out both online via the agent bank’s mobile application and through the agent bank’s regional service centers, in the form of cash payments or transfers to other bank accounts.

Within three and a half hours of the start of payments, depositors received UZS 106 billion in compensation. On the second day, payments reached UZS 132 billion, representing 63 percent of the total covered deposit amount. By the third day, UZS 169 billion, or 81 percent of depositors, had received compensation. The rapid rollout of payments demonstrated a high level of operational readiness and strengthened depositor confidence. As of 11 February 2026, 95 percent of the planned compensation had been disbursed.

The compensation process was continuously monitored by the Deposit Guarantee Agency in cooperation with the Central Bank. The Agency’s call center and official social media channels provided prompt responses to depositor inquiries, while the public was regularly informed about the progress of compensation payments and amounts disbursed through official social media platforms.

On 15 January 2026, a joint press conference was held with the participation of the Deposit Guarantee Agency and the Central Bank to explain compensation procedures and the bank liquidation process to depositors. A second press conference was held on 27 January, involving representatives of the Agency, the Central Bank, and the Yangi Bank liquidation commission, with participation from journalists, bloggers, and depositors.

The Agency also continuously monitored the information environment, including social media, regarding issues related to the liquidation of Yangi Bank, providing timely clarifications to prevent the formation of negative perceptions.

The implementation of compensation payments to depositors of “Yangi Bank” JSC clearly demonstrated the capacity of the Deposit Guarantee Agency of Uzbekistan to carry out covered deposit reimbursements within short timeframes and in full compliance with legal requirements. This case confirms the effectiveness of the national deposit guarantee system and its important role in strengthening confidence in the financial system.