

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SDRs

## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

The USD 650 Billion SDR Allocation comes into Effect [أضغظ هنا للعربية](#)



What is an SDR?

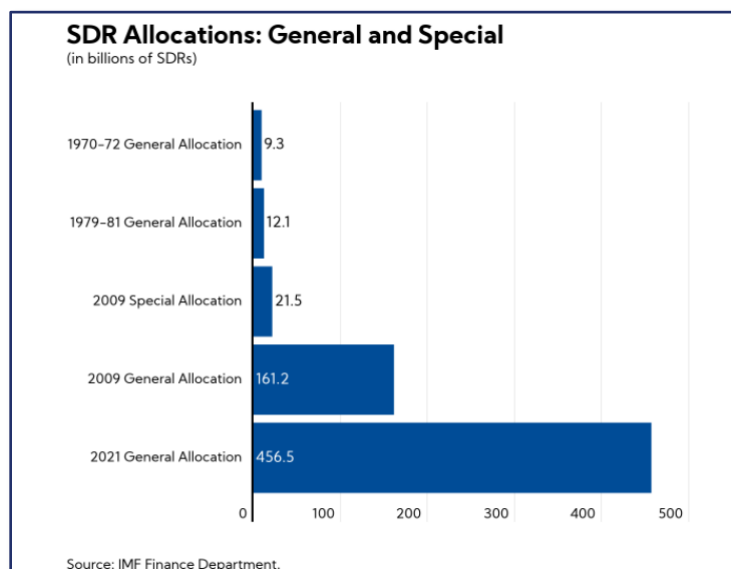
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The value of an SDR is based on a basket of the world’s five leading currencies. It is an accounting unit for IMF transactions with member countries and a stable asset in countries’ international reserves

Resource Contributions	Voting Power	Access to Financing	SDR Allocations
Quotas determine the maximum amount of financial resources a member is obliged to provide to the IMF.	Quotas are a key determinant of the voting power in IMF decisions. Votes comprise one vote per SDR100,000 of quota plus basic votes (same for all members).	Quotas determine the maximum amount of financing a member can obtain from the IMF under normal access.	Quotas determine a member’s share in a general allocation of SDRs.

Quota Shares play many roles at the IMF, including in the 2021 SDR Allocation



The Articles of Agreement determine that under certain conditions the IMF may allocate SDRs to members participating in the SDR Department (currently all members of the IMF). The 2021 SDR allocation (effective August 23, 2021) is the largest in the history of the IMF

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*For more information on the IMF's SDRs, please visit the IMF's [SDR Webpage](#)*

## IMF POLICY AND RESEARCH

### 2021 SDR Allocation:

[Guidance Note for Fund Staff on the Treatment and Use of SDR Allocations](#)

[Proposal for a General Allocation of Special Drawing Rights](#)

[Allocation of Special Drawing Rights for the Eleventh Basic Period: Draft Executive Board Decision and Managing Director Report to the Board of Governors](#)

[IMF Special Drawing Rights Presentation](#)

[Review of the Method of Valuation of the SDR—Proposed Extension of the Valuation of the SDR Basket and Modification of the Date of Effect of a New Basket](#)

### Other:

[Considerations on the Role of the SDR \(2018\)](#)

[Staff Note for the G20 - The Role of the SDR - Initial Considerations \(2016\)](#)

[Is SDR Creation Inflationary? \(2011\)](#)

[SDR Interest Rate Calculation \(time series\)](#)

## EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES

[The IMF Executive Board Approved the Proposal for a New General SDR Allocation Equivalent to US\\$650 billion](#)

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