

ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited

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Ratings:

Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Rating ¹	Rating Action
ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund	Open Ended Liquid Scheme	CARE A1+mfs [A One Plus mfs]	Reaffirmed
ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	CARE AAAMfs [Triple A mfs]	Reaffirmed
ICICI Prudential Ultra Short Term Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	CARE AAAMfs [Triple A mfs]	Reaffirmed

Details of instruments/facilities in Anneuxre-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

CARE has reaffirmed the credit quality ratings assigned to ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund, ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund and ICICI Prudential Ultra Short Term Fund. These funds are managed by ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited (AMC).

Schemes rated 'CARE AAAMfs' are considered to have highest degree of safety regarding timely receipt of payments from the investments that they have made.

Schemes rated 'CARE A1+mfs' are considered to have very strong degree of safety regarding timely receipt of payments from the investments that they have made.

CARE's fund credit quality ratings are opinions on the overall credit quality of specific Debt Mutual Fund scheme. CARE's fund credit quality rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell, or hold a security / fund. It neither comments on the current market price, suitability for a particular investor nor on the prospective performance of the fund with respect to appreciation, volatility of net asset value (NAV), or yield of the fund. The ratings do not address the funds ability to meet the payment obligations to the investors.

The fund ratings capture fund's overall exposure to default risk. CARE's fund credit quality ratings are based on evaluation of the fund's investment strategy and portfolio credit risk. It also involves evaluation of credit quality of individual assets, diversification of portfolio, management quality and operational policies. CARE uses the concept of credit scores, assigned to individual securities, as per credit scoring matrix developed by CARE.

CARE reviews the rated mutual fund scheme on an ongoing basis to support its published rating opinions. As such, monthly reports of the fund are examined. While the fund has to maintain the fund credit score within the benchmark fund scores, in a particular month, if the fund credit score breaches the benchmark, CARE generally provides one month to the asset management company (AMC) to realign the score. The credit score of the above three schemes are on the basis of April 2021 portfolio which are within the benchmark set by CARE.

Analytical Approach: Assessment of Underlying Credit Quality of the Debt Schemes

Applicable Criteria:

[CARE's Fund Credit Quality Rating Criteria](#)

About the Fund:

ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund:

The scheme aims to provide reasonable returns, commensurate with low risk and providing a high level of liquidity, through investments made primarily in money market and debt instruments. However, there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the scheme would be achieved. The fund's assets under management stood at Rs.40,714.37 crore as on April 30, 2021.

ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund:

The Scheme aims to provide reasonable returns commensurate with low risk and providing a high level of liquidity, through investments made primarily in overnight securities having maturity of 1 business day. However there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the scheme would be achieved. The fund's asset under management stood at about Rs.13,195.19 crore as on April 30, 2021.

¹ Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com

ICICI Prudential Ultra Short Term Fund:

The Schemes investment objective is to generate income through investments in a range of debt and money market instruments. However, there can be no assurance or guarantee that the investment objective of the scheme would be achieved. The fund's asset under management stood at about Rs.9,539.16 crore as on April 30, 2021.

Profile of Mutual Fund & AMC

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has been established as a trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 by ICICI Bank and Prudential Plc, with ICICI Prudential Trust Limited as the Trustee Company and ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited as the investment manager. ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd is a joint venture between ICICI Bank (51% holding) (one of the largest private sector bank in India) and Prudential Plc (49% holding) one of United Kingdom's largest players in the financial services sectors.

The AMC has reported average assets under management (AAUM) for schemes of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund as Rs.4,05,406 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Rate	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund	-	-	-	-	CARE A1+mfs [A One Plus mfs]
ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund	-	-	-	-	CARE AAAmfs [Triple A mfs]
ICICI Prudential Ultra Short Term Fund	-	-	-	-	CARE AAAmfs [Triple A mfs]

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument / Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-2021	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2019-2020	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019
1	ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE A1+mfs	-	1) CARE A1+mfs (04-June-2020)	1) CARE A1+mfs (03-July-2019)	1) CARE A1+mfs* (26-03-2019) 2) CARE AAAmfs (06-Jul-18)
2	ICICI Prudential Overnight Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	-	1) CARE AAAmfs (29-Sept-2020)	-	-
3	ICICI Prudential Ultra Short Term Fund	Open Ended Debt Scheme	-	CARE AAAmfs	1) CARE AAAmfs (07-May-2021)	-	-	-

* The rating has been reclassified from CARE AAA mfs to CARE A1+mfs.

Annexure 3: Complexity Level of various instruments rated for this company

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1.	Credit Quality Rating	Simple

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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