

Tiered Margins on MT5

Tiered margin is a method of calculating margin requirement rates for open positions based on the size of the exposure.

This means that different margin amounts will apply to open positions depending on the size of the positions held (i.e. market exposure). In summary, the bigger the position/exposure the greater the margin requirement.

Tiered margins are only applied on the MT5 platform and on the below products only. For all other margin rates please visit our website.

Note: Our margin requirement for hedged positions is zero. When you decide to hedge a position in one instrument (respectively buying there will not be any margin needed to maintain the hedged position. As such, your net position will be equal to zero.

However, if you have a partial hedge (respectively buying and selling different amounts of the same instrument), the margin requirement will apply on the net exposure. Example: If you buy 2 lots of EURUSD and sell 1 lot of EURUSD, the margin requirement will be calculated on a net exposure of 'Buy 1 lot EURUSD'.

FX (Majors & Minors)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage
AUDUSD	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
EURGBP	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
EURJPY	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
EURUSD	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
GBPJPY	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
GBPUSD	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
NZDUSD	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
USDCAD	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
USDJPY	-	100	0.25%	100	200	0.50%	200	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
AUDCAD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
AUDJPY	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
AUDNZD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
CADJPY	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
EURAUD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
EURCAD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
EURNZD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
GBP AUD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
GBP CAD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
GBP NZD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%

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NZDCAD	-	10	0.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
NZDJPY	-	10	1.25%	10	25	0.50%	25	50	1.00%	50	over	3.00%
EURCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
GBPCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
USDCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
AUDCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
CADCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
CHFJPY	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
NZDCHF	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%
CHFSGD	-	5	1.00%	5	20	3.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%

FX (Exotics)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage
AUDCNH	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
AUDHKD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
AUDSGD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
CADSGD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
CNHJPY	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURDKK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURHKD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURMXN	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURNOK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURPLN	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURSEK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURSGD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
EURTRY	-	-	30.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EURZAR	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
GBPCNH	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
GBPHKD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
GBPNOK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
GBPSEK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-

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GBPSGD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
GBPZAR	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
HKDJPY	-	100	2.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	20.00%	-	-	-
MXNJPY	-	100	2.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	20.00%	-	-	-
NOKJPY	-	100	2.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	20.00%	-	-	-
NOKSEK	-	100	2.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	20.00%	-	-	-
NZDCNH	-	15	2.00%	15	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
NZDSGD	-	15	2.00%	15	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
SEKJPY	-	100	2.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	20.00%	-	-	-
SGDJPY	-	15	2.00%	15	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDCNH	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDDKK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDHKD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDMXN	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDNOK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDPLN	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDRUB	-	-	2.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USDSEK	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDSGD	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	-
USDTRY	-	-	30.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USDZAR	-	10	2.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	20.00%	-	-	12.50%

Example 1.a

A client buys 120 lots of **EURUSD** at a price of 1.0100. The total exposure falls under 2 tiers (tier 1 and tier 2), so for the first 100 lots, which fall under tier 1, the margin rate is 0.2%.

Margin = 1.0100 (open price) * 100,000 (contract size) * 100 (volume in lots) * 0.2% (margin rate) = **USD 20,200.**

For the remaining 20 lots, the margin rate is 0.5% since they fall under tier 2.

Margin = 1.0100 (open price) * 100,000 (contract size) * 20 (volume in lots) * 0.5% (margin rate) = **USD 10,100.**

The TOTAL margin required for this position is **USD 30,300.**

Example 1.b

The same client in 'Example 1.a' buys another 10 lots of EURUSD at a price of 1.0200.

The total position is now 130 lots, which means that the additional 10 lots fall into margin tier 2 at a 0.5% margin rate.

Margin of the 10 lots position = 1.0200 (open price) * 100,000 (contract size) * 10 (volume in lots) * 0.5% (margin rate) = **USD 5,100.**

The TOTAL margin required becomes USD 30,300 + USD 5,100 = **USD 35,400.**

Indices (Rolling)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage
AUS200Roll	-	100	0.50%	100	500	1.00%	500	2,000	5.00%	2,000	over	10.00%
CHINA50Roll	-	2	5.00%	2	5	5.00%	5	over	10.00%	-	-	-
CHshares	-	100	3.00%	100	500	5.00%	500	over	10.00%	-	-	-
ESP35Roll	-	25	2.00%	25	100	5.00%	100	over	10.00%	-	-	-
EU50Roll	-	50	0.50%	50	250	1.00%	250	1,000	5.00%	1,000	over	10.00%
FRA40Roll	-	50	0.50%	50	250	1.00%	250	1,000	5.00%	1,000	over	10.00%
INDIA50Roll	-	10	5.00%	10	50	5.00%	50	over	10.00%	-	-	-
JP225Roll	-	1,000	0.50%	1,000	5,000	1.00%	5,000	20,000	5.00%	20,000	over	10.00%
HK50Roll	-	50	5.00%	50	250	5.00%	250	over	10.00%	-	-	-
RUSS2000	-	100	1.00%	100	500	1.00%	500	2,000	5.00%	2,000	over	10.00%
VIXRoll	-	10,000	15.00%	10,000	50,000	15.00%	50,000	over	15.00%	-	-	-
DE30Roll	-	10	0.50%	10	250	0.50%	250	500	1.00%	500	over	3.00%
UK100Roll	-	20	0.50%	20	600	0.50%	600	1,000	1.00%	1,000	over	3.00%
US500Roll	-	50	0.50%	50	1,000	0.50%	1,000	2,000	1.00%	2,000	over	3.00%
US30Roll	-	5	0.50%	5	150	0.50%	150	300	1.00%	300	over	3.00%
UT100Roll	-	15	0.50%	15	400	0.50%	400	600	1.00%	600	over	3.00%

Indices (Futures)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage
DE30xx	-	1	0.50%	1	10	0.50%	10	20	1.00%	20	over	3.00%
UK100xx	-	2	0.50%	2	60	0.50%	60	100	1.00%	100	over	3.00%
US500xx	-	1	0.50%	1	20	0.50%	20	40	1.00%	40	over	3.00%
US30xx	-	1	0.50%	1	30	0.50%	30	60	1.00%	60	over	3.00%
UT100xx	-	1	0.50%	1	20	0.50%	20	30	1.00%	30	over	3.00%
AUS200xx	-	10	0.50%	10	20	1.00%	20	80	5.00%	80	over	10.00%
CHINA50xx	-	20	5.00%	20	50	5.00%	50	over	10.00%	-	-	-
FRA40xx	-	5	0.50%	5	25	1.00%	25	100	5.00%	100	over	10.00%
HK50xx	-	1	5.00%	1	5	5.00%	5	over	10.00%	-	-	-

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage
INDIA50xx	-	5	5.00%	5	25	5.00%	25	over	10.00%	-	-	-
SING30xx	-	50	5.00%	50	250	5.00%	250	over	10.00%	-	-	-
ESP35xx	-	2	2.00%	2	10	5.00%	10	over	10.00%	-	-	-
USDINDEXxx	-	2	1.00%	2	10	5.00%	10	over	10.00%	-	-	-
VIXxx	-	10	15.00%	10	50	15.00%	50	over	15.00%	-	-	-

Example 2.a

A client buys 800 lots of **US500Roll** at a price of USD 4,201.

For the first 500 lots the margin rate is 0.25% (1:400).

Margin requirement = 4,201 (open price) * 1 (contract size) * 500 (volume in lots) * 0.25% (margin rate) = **USD 5,251.25**.

For the remaining 300 lots the margin rate is 0.5% (1:200).

Margin requirement = 4,201 (open price) * 1 (contract size) * 300 (volume in lots) * 0.5% (margin rate) = **USD 6,301.50**.

The TOTAL margin required for this position is **USD 10,502.50**.

Example 2.b

The same client in 'Example 2.a' now buys another 100 contracts of US500Roll at a price of USD 4,300.

The total exposure on US500Roll is now 1,800 lots which is in margin tier 2 at 1.0% margin rate (1:100).

Margin requirement on the new position = 4,300 (open price) * 1 (contract size) * 100 (volume in lots) * 0.5% (margin rate) = **USD 2,150**.

The TOTAL margin required becomes USD 10502.50 + USD 2,150 = **USD 12,652.50**.

Commodities (Rolling)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 5 Leverage
XAGEUR	-	5	2.00%	5	10	5.00%	10	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
XAGUSD	-	5	1.00%	5	10	2.00%	10	20	5.00%	20	Over	10.00%	-	-	-
XAUEUR	-	60	0.25%	60	90	0.50%	90	120	1.00%	120	over	3.00%	-	-	-
XAUUSD	-	60	0.25%	60	90	0.50%	90	120	1.00%	120	over	3.00%	-	-	-
UKOILRoll	-	5	1.00%	5	10	2.00%	10	200	3.00%	200	500	5.00%	500	Over	15.00%
XPTUSD	-	2	2.00%	2	10	5.00%	10	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
USOILRoll	-	5	1.00%	5	10	2.00%	10	200	3.00%	200	500	5.00%	500	Over	15.00%

Commodities (Futures)

Symbol	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 1 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 2 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 3 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 4 Leverage	From (lots)	To (lots)	Tier 5 Leverage
UKOILxx	-	5	1.00%	5	10	2.00%	10	200	3.00%	200	500	5.00%	500	Over	15.00%
USOILxx	-	5	1.00%	5	10	2.00%	10	200	3.00%	200	500	5.00%	500	Over	15.00%
GCxx	-	30	2.00%	30	60	3.00%	60	90	5.00%	90	over	10.00%	-	-	-
SIxx	-	5	2.00%	5	10	5.00%	10	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
COFFEExx	-	25	3.00%	25	100	3.00%	100	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
COTTONxx	-	25	3.00%	25	100	3.00%	100	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
USCOCOAXx	-	100	3.00%	100	400	3.00%	400	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
HGxx	-	500	3.00%	500	2,000	3.00%	2,000	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-
NGxx	-	1,000	5.00%	1,000	4,000	10.00%	4,000	over	10.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-

Example 3.a

A client buys 5 lots of **USOILRoll** at a price of USD 70.50

For the first 5 lots, the margin rate is 1%, so the required margin = $70.50(\text{open price}) * 1,000$ (contract size) * 5 (volume in lots) * 1% (margin rate) = **USD 3,525**

So, the TOTAL margin required for this position is **USD 3,525**

Example 3.b

The same client in Example 3.a buys another 3 lots of USOILRoll at a price of USD 71.50.

The total position is now 8 lots which falls into margin tier 2 at a 2% margin rate.

The required margin of the 3 additional lots is calculated as = $71.50(\text{open price}) * 1,000$ (contract size) * 3 (volume in lots) * 2% (margin rate) = **USD 4,290**

The TOTAL margin required then becomes $\text{USD } 3,525 + \text{USD } 4,290 = \text{USD } 7,815$