



# ECFH Financially Speaking

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We continue this week with our focus on investment-related terms as we encourage you to start developing an investment strategy to meet your financial goals. This week's term: **Tenor**

**Tenor** refers to the length of time that an investment product takes to mature or yield a financial return to the investor. Different types of investment products such as bonds or treasury bills have varying lengths of **tenor**. **Tenor** can sometimes be used interchangeably with maturity.

#### **What does this mean for you?**

All investment products, also referred to as instruments, have **tenor** since this dictates when the investment matures or when interest is paid. For example, where the **tenor** of an investment is six months, the investor will receive his/her return six months from when he/she made that particular investment. As an investor, knowing the **tenor** of your investments helps you to plan for your financial goals more effectively. You can decide which instruments are appropriate depending on their **tenor**. For more information on available investment opportunities, feel free to call Bank of Saint Lucia's Wealth & Asset Management Division (WAM) at 456-6104.