

# PRIME INTEREST RATE

**NRS 99.040(1)** requires:

*"When there is no express contract in writing fixing a different rate of interest, interest must be allowed at a rate equal to the prime rate at the largest bank in Nevada, as ascertained by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, on January 1, or July 1, as the case may be, immediately preceding the date of the transaction, plus 2 percent, upon all money from the time it becomes due, . . . ."*

Following is the prime rate as ascertained by the Commissioner of Financial Institutions:

January 1, 2010	3.25%	July 1, 2010	3.25%
January 1, 2009	3.25%	July 1, 2009	3.25%
January 1, 2008	7.25%	July 1, 2008	5.00%
January 1, 2007	8.25%	July 1, 2007	8.25%
January 1, 2006	7.25%	July 1, 2006	8.25%
January 1, 2005	5.25%	July 1, 2005	6.25%
January 1, 2004	4.00%	July 1, 2004	4.25%
January 1, 2003	4.25%	July 1, 2003	4.00%
January 1, 2002	4.75%	July 1, 2002	4.75%
January 1, 2001	9.50%	July 1, 2001	6.75%
January 1, 2000	8.25%	July 1, 2000	9.50%
January 1, 1999	7.75%	July 1, 1999	7.75%
January 1, 1998	8.50%	July 1, 1998	8.50%
January 1, 1997	8.25%	July 1, 1997	8.50%
January 1, 1996	8.50%	July 1, 1996	8.25%
January 1, 1995	8.50%	July 1, 1995	9.00%
January 1, 1994	6.00%	July 1, 1994	7.25%
January 1, 1993	6.00%	July 1, 1993	6.00%
January 1, 1992	6.50%	July 1, 1992	6.50%
January 1, 1991	10.00%	July 1, 1991	8.50%
January 1, 1990	10.50%	July 1, 1990	10.00%
January 1, 1989	10.50%	July 1, 1989	11.00%
January 1, 1988	8.75%	July 1, 1988	9.00%
January 1, 1987	Not Available	July 1, 1987	8.25%

**\* Attorney General Opinion No. 98-20:**

*If clearly authorized by the creditor, a collection agency may collect whatever interest on a debt its creditor would be authorized to impose. A collection agency may not impose interest on any account or debt where the creditor has agreed not to impose interest or has otherwise indicated an intent not to collect interest. Simple interest may be imposed at the rate established in NRS 99.040 from the date the debt becomes due on any debt where there is no written contract fixing a different rate of interest, unless the account is an open or store accounts as discussed herein. In the case of open or store accounts, interest may be imposed or awarded only by a court of competent jurisdiction in an action over the debt.*