

Aviva plc Share buyback FAQs

1. What is a share buyback?

A share buyback (also known as a share repurchase) is where a company repurchases its own shares in the open market from its existing shareholders. Once purchased shares are cancelled which reduces the company's share count.

2. When did Aviva announce the share buyback programme?

On 12 August 2021 Aviva announced a share buyback programme for its ordinary shares of up to £750million.

3. What is the purpose of the Aviva's share buyback programme?

The purpose of a buyback is to return excess capital to investors. By buying back shares we reduce our share count in line with our more focussed groups and create additional value for our shareholders as we transform Aviva's performance.

At our HY 2021 results announcement on 12 August 2021 we stated that 'We are delivering on our commitment to make a substantial capital return to our shareholders. We intend to return at least £4 billion to investors by the end of the first half of 2022¹, starting with a share buyback of up to £750 million'. We set our framework for returning excess capital to investors at our Q3 2020 update on 26 November 2020 – [Aviva plc Third Quarter Results \(investis.com\)](#).

4. What authority allows Aviva to buyback its shares?

The Companies Act, 2006 permits a company to buy back its shares if it has the consent of its shareholders. A special resolution was passed by the shareholders at the 2021 Annual General Meeting authorising the purchase of own shares.

5. How is Aviva buying its own shares?

Aviva has entered into a non-discretionary agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Ltd to conduct the buyback programme on its behalf and to make trading decisions under the programme independently of Aviva (except Aviva's ability to terminate Citi's mandate in certain limited circumstances). Shares acquired by Citi under the agreement are sold on to Aviva and, to the extent permitted by law, such purchased shares are then cancelled.

6. How is share buyback progressing?

The buyback purchases started on 13 August 2021 and updates on how the buyback is progressing is provided by via daily RNS announcements to the market. We expect to complete the full £750m buyback programme by 17 February 2022.

¹ Subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, completion of disposals and market conditions.

7. How might shareholder benefit?

It is expected that shareholders who retain their shares in the company will benefit from the share buyback programme as they will own an increased proportion of the total shares in the company.

The buyback will reduce our share count in line with our more focused group and create additional value for our shareholders as we transform Aviva's performance.

8. Am I required to take any action?

No, the share buyback programme will be conducted on the open market and will not require any action by shareholders.

9. Can I ask Aviva to buy my shares?

No, Citi will purchase shares in the open market, and only acquire shares that have been placed into the market for sale.