

# Package ‘boe’

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boe_bank_rate	<i>Download Bank of England Bank Rate history</i>
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### Description

Downloads the official Bank Rate (base interest rate) set by the Monetary Policy Committee. Available as a daily series from January 1975.

### Usage

```
boe_bank_rate(
  from = "1975-01-02",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  frequency = c("daily", "monthly"),
  cache = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1975-01-02".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
frequency	Character. One of "daily" (default) or "monthly" (monthly average).
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.

**rate\_pct** Numeric. Bank Rate (percent).

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**See Also**

Other interest rates: [boe\\_curve\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\\_panel\(\)](#), [boe\\_sonia\(\)](#), [boe\\_yield\\_curve\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# Bank Rate since 2000
boe_bank_rate(from = "2000-01-01")

# Monthly average
boe_bank_rate(from = "2020-01-01", frequency = "monthly")
options(op)
```

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 boe\_browse

*Browse the BoE series catalogue*


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**Description**

Returns the catalogue with optional category or frequency filters. Equivalent to `boe_search(query = NULL, category, frequency)` but framed as a browse / inspect action rather than a keyword search.

**Usage**

```
boe_browse(category = NULL, frequency = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

category	Character. Optional filter on the category column, one or more of "interest_rates", "exchange_rates", "mortgage_market", "consumer_credit", "monetary_aggregates".
frequency	Character. Optional filter on the frequency column, one or more of "daily", "monthly", "annual".

**Value**

A data frame with the same columns as [boe\\_series](#).

**See Also**

[boe\\_search\(\)](#), [boe\\_series](#)

Other discovery: [boe\\_search\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# The whole catalogue
nrow(boe_browse())

# All exchange rate series
boe_browse(category = "exchange_rates")

# All monthly series
boe_browse(frequency = "monthly")
```

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boe_cache_info	<i>Inspect the local BoE cache</i>
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**Description**

Reports the cache directory, number of cached files, total size, and oldest / newest modification timestamps. Prints a short summary and returns the underlying values invisibly.

**Usage**

```
boe_cache_info()
```

**Details**

The cache directory defaults to `tools::R_user_dir("boe", "cache")` and can be overridden with `options(boe.cache_dir = ...)`.

**Value**

Invisibly, a list with elements:

**path** Character. Cache directory.

**n\_files** Integer. Number of cached files.

**total\_size\_bytes** Numeric. Total size on disk (bytes).

**oldest** POSIXct. Modification time of oldest file (or NA if cache is empty).

**newest** POSIXct. Modification time of newest file (or NA if cache is empty).

**See Also**

[clear\\_cache\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
boe_cache_info()
options(op)
```

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boe\_consumer\_credit     *Download consumer credit outstanding*

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## Description

Downloads monthly outstanding amounts of consumer credit (total, credit cards, and other consumer credit). Seasonally adjusted. Available from April 1993.

## Usage

```
boe_consumer_credit(
  type = c("total", "credit_card", "other"),
  from = "1993-04-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  cache = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

type	Character vector. One or more of "total", "credit_card", "other". Defaults to all three.
from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1993-04-01".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

## Value

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. End of month.

**type** Character. Credit type.

**amount\_gbp\_m** Numeric. Outstanding amount (millions of pounds).

## Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

## See Also

Other credit and housing: [boe\\_mortgage\\_approvals\(\)](#), [boe\\_mortgage\\_rates\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
boe_consumer_credit(from = "2015-01-01")
options(op)
```

boe\_curve

*Download BoE Anderson-Sleath fitted yield curves***Description**

Downloads the Bank of England's published fitted yield curves at all maturities (typically 0.5 to 25 or 40 years) using the Anderson and Sleath (2001) smoothing methodology. Five curves are supported: nominal gilt, real (index-linked) gilt, implied inflation, overnight index swap (OIS), and the commercial bank liability curve (BLC).

**Usage**

```
boe_curve(
  curve = c("nominal", "real", "inflation", "ois", "blc"),
  measure = c("spot", "forward"),
  segment = c("standard", "short"),
  frequency = c("daily", "monthly"),
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  cache = TRUE,
  cache_ttl_h = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

curve	Character. Which curve to fetch. One of "nominal", "real", "inflation", "ois", or "blc". Defaults to "nominal". The commercial bank liability curve ("blc") is only published in the historical archive zip, so requests for it always route through the archive path regardless of from / to.
measure	Character. "spot" (default) or "forward".
segment	Character. "standard" (default) for the full maturity spectrum in half-year steps, or "short" for the separately fitted short end in monthly steps (one month to five years).
frequency	Character. "daily" (default) or "monthly". Monthly archives are end-of-month observations and are much smaller files.
from, to	Date or character ("YYYY-MM-DD"). Optional inclusive bounds. When either is set, the function uses the BoE archive zip (multi-decade history) and filters by date.

cache	Logical. Use cached download if available and within the TTL window (default TRUE).
cache_ttl_h	Numeric. Cache time-to-live in hours. When NULL (default) the TTL is 24 hours for the latest-month zip and 720 hours (30 days) for archive zips.

## Details

Each curve is published in two segments. The default segment = "standard" returns the full maturity spectrum in half-year steps (0.5 years out to 25 or 40). segment = "short" returns the short end of the curve in monthly steps (one month out to five years), which the Bank fits separately and which is the segment most relevant to near-term policy-rate and money-market analysis. The short end is available for every curve in the latest month, and historically wherever the BoE published it (e.g. OIS short-end data begins later than the OIS standard curve); periods without a short-end sheet are skipped.

By default (from = NULL, to = NULL, frequency = "daily") returns the latest published month of daily data, matching the behaviour of earlier releases of this package. Setting from, to, or frequency switches to the BoE's full archive, which goes back to 1979 for nominal gilts, 1985 for real, 2000 for BLC, and 2009 for OIS.

Requires the **readxl** package. Data is published as Excel workbooks inside zip archives at <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/yield-curves>. Each archive zip contains multiple per-period workbooks; this function concatenates them transparently.

## Value

A boe\_tbl data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.

**maturity\_years** Numeric. Maturity in years.

**rate\_pct** Numeric. Yield or implied rate (percent).

## Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/yield-curves>

## References

Anderson, N. and Sleath, J. (2001). New estimates of the UK real and nominal yield curves. *Bank of England Working Paper No. 126*. <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/working-paper/2001/new-estimates-of-the-uk-real-and-nominal-yield-curves>

## See Also

Other interest rates: [boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\\_panel\(\)](#), [boe\\_sonia\(\)](#), [boe\\_yield\\_curve\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

if (requireNamespace("readxl", quietly = TRUE)) {
  op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
  # Latest nominal spot curve at all maturities (default behaviour)
  curve <- boe_curve(curve = "nominal", measure = "spot")
  head(curve)

  # Short end of the nominal forward curve (monthly steps to 5 years)
  se <- boe_curve(curve = "nominal", measure = "forward",
                 segment = "short")
  range(se$maturity_years)
  options(op)
}

## Not run:
# Historical archive: multi-decade downloads, so not run automatically.
# 10-year nominal spot back to 2010:
long <- boe_curve(curve = "nominal", from = "2010-01-01")

# End-of-month real curve since 1990:
real_m <- boe_curve(curve = "real", frequency = "monthly",
                   from = "1990-01-01")

## End(Not run)

```

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boe\_curve\_panel

*Wide panel of BoE yield curve at chosen pillar maturities*


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**Description**

Convenience wrapper around `boe_curve()` that returns a wide-format panel: one row per date, one column per requested pillar maturity. This is the form most users want for time-series modelling and quick plotting.

**Usage**

```

boe_curve_panel(
  curve = c("nominal", "real", "inflation", "ois", "blc"),
  measure = c("spot", "forward"),
  segment = c("standard", "short"),
  frequency = c("daily", "monthly"),
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  maturities = NULL,
  cache = TRUE,
  cache_ttl_h = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

curve	Character. Which curve to fetch. One of "nominal", "real", "inflation", "ois", or "blc". Defaults to "nominal". The commercial bank liability curve ("blc") is only published in the historical archive zip, so requests for it always route through the archive path regardless of from / to.
measure	Character. "spot" (default) or "forward".
segment	Character. "standard" (default) for the full maturity spectrum in half-year steps, or "short" for the separately fitted short end in monthly steps (one month to five years).
frequency	Character. "daily" (default) or "monthly". Monthly archives are end-of-month observations and are much smaller files.
from, to	Date or character ("YYYY-MM-DD"). Optional inclusive bounds. When either is set, the function uses the BoE archive zip (multi-decade history) and filters by date.
maturities	Numeric vector of pillar maturities in years. When NULL (default) a sensible set is chosen for the segment: c(0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20) for "standard" and c(0.5, 1, 2, 3, 5) for "short". Pillars not on the published grid for the chosen curve and segment are dropped with a warning.
cache	Logical. Use cached download if available and within the TTL window (default TRUE).
cache_ttl_h	Numeric. Cache time-to-live in hours. When NULL (default) the TTL is 24 hours for the latest-month zip and 720 hours (30 days) for archive zips.

**Details**

For each requested pillar, the function picks the published maturity closest to the request (within a 0.05-year tolerance) and uses that. The standard grid steps in 0.5-year increments and the short-end grid (segment = "short") in monthly increments, so pillars at integer, half-integer, or whole-month maturities align exactly.

**Value**

A `boe_tbl` data frame with columns `date` and one numeric column per pillar named like `m0.5`, `m1`, `m2`, `m5`, `m10`, `m20`.

**See Also**

Other interest rates: [boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\(\)](#), [boe\\_sonia\(\)](#), [boe\\_yield\\_curve\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("readxl", quietly = TRUE)) {
  op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
  # Latest month: wide panel at chosen pillar maturities
  panel <- boe_curve_panel(curve = "nominal", measure = "spot",
                          maturities = c(2, 5, 10, 20))
  head(panel)
```

```

    options(op)
  }

## Not run:
# Historical panel (multi-decade archive download; not run automatically)
hist <- boe_curve_panel(curve = "nominal", measure = "spot",
                       from = "2020-01-01", maturities = c(2, 5, 10, 20))

## End(Not run)

```

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boe\_exchange\_rate      *Download sterling exchange rates*

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### Description

Downloads daily spot exchange rates for sterling against major currencies from the Bank of England. Most series available from January 1975.

### Usage

```

boe_exchange_rate(
  currency = "USD",
  from = "1975-01-02",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  cache = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

currency	Character vector. One or more currency codes. Use <a href="#">list_exchange_rates()</a> to see all available currencies. Defaults to "USD".
from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1975-01-02".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

### Value

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.

**currency** Character. Currency code (e.g. "USD").

**rate** Numeric. Units of foreign currency per GBP.

### Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**See Also**

Other exchange rates: [list\\_exchange\\_rates\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# GBP/USD since 2020
boe_exchange_rate("USD", from = "2020-01-01")

# Multiple currencies
boe_exchange_rate(c("USD", "EUR", "JPY"), from = "2020-01-01")
options(op)
```

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 boe\_get

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*Fetch any series from the Bank of England Statistical Database*


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**Description**

The core data retrieval function. Fetches one or more series by their BoE series codes and returns a tidy data frame. Use this when the convenience functions (e.g. [boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_exchange\\_rate\(\)](#)) do not cover the series you need.

**Usage**

```
boe_get(series_codes, from = "1960-01-01", to = Sys.Date(), cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>series_codes</code>	Character vector of one or more BoE series codes.
<code>from</code>	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1960-01-01".
<code>to</code>	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
<code>cache</code>	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

**Details**

Series codes can be found via the Bank of England Interactive Statistical Database at <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>.

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.  
**code** Character. BoE series code.  
**value** Numeric. Observation value.

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**See Also**

Other data access: [clear\\_cache\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# Bank Rate since 2000
boe_get("IUBNDR", from = "2000-01-01")

# Multiple series
boe_get(c("IUBNDR", "IUDSOIA"), from = "2020-01-01")
options(op)
```

---

boe\_money\_supply

*Download M4 money supply*

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**Description**

Downloads monthly M4 (broad money) amounts outstanding from the Bank of England. Available from June 1982.

**Usage**

```
boe_money_supply(
  from = "1982-06-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  seasonally_adjusted = TRUE,
  cache = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1982-06-01".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
seasonally_adjusted	Logical. Return seasonally adjusted series (default TRUE) or non-seasonally adjusted (FALSE).
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. End of month.

**amount\_gbp\_m** Numeric. M4 amounts outstanding (millions of pounds).

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
boe_money_supply(from = "2000-01-01")
options(op)
```

---

boe\_mortgage\_approvals

*Download mortgage approvals for house purchase*

---

**Description**

Downloads the monthly count of mortgage approvals for house purchase, a widely watched leading indicator of housing market activity. Available from April 1993.

**Usage**

```
boe_mortgage_approvals(
  from = "1993-04-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  seasonally_adjusted = TRUE,
  cache = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

**from** Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1993-04-01".

**to** Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.

**seasonally\_adjusted** Logical. Return seasonally adjusted series (default TRUE) or non-seasonally adjusted (FALSE).

**cache** Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. End of month.

**approvals** Numeric. Number of mortgage approvals.

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**See Also**

Other credit and housing: [boe\\_consumer\\_credit\(\)](#), [boe\\_mortgage\\_rates\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
boe_mortgage_approvals(from = "2015-01-01")
options(op)
```

---

boe\_mortgage\_rates      *Download quoted mortgage interest rates*

---

**Description**

Downloads monthly quoted (advertised) mortgage rates from the Bank of England, including fixed-rate products and the standard variable rate (SVR). Available from January 1995.

**Usage**

```
boe_mortgage_rates(
  type = c("2yr_fixed", "3yr_fixed", "5yr_fixed", "svr"),
  from = "1995-01-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  cache = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

type	Character vector. One or more of "2yr_fixed", "3yr_fixed", "5yr_fixed", "svr". Defaults to all four.
from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1995-01-01".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. End of month.

**type** Character. Mortgage product type.

**rate\_pct** Numeric. Quoted rate (percent).

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

**See Also**

Other credit and housing: [boe\\_consumer\\_credit\(\)](#), [boe\\_mortgage\\_approvals\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# All mortgage rate types since 2015
boe_mortgage_rates(from = "2015-01-01")

# 2-year fixed only
boe_mortgage_rates(type = "2yr_fixed", from = "2020-01-01")
options(op)
```

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boe_mpc_decisions	<i>Bank Rate decision history</i>
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**Description**

Returns the history of Monetary Policy Committee decisions to change Bank Rate, derived from the daily Bank Rate series. Each row is one rate-change event, showing the effective date, the new rate, the previous rate, and the change in basis points. Holds (meetings where the rate was unchanged) are not included; for the full meeting-level record including holds, see [boe\\_mpc\\_votes\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
boe_mpc_decisions(from = "1997-06-06", to = Sys.Date(), cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

from	Date or character. Start date. Defaults to "1997-06-06" (the first MPC meeting).
to	Date or character. End date. Defaults to today.
cache	Logical. Use cached Bank Rate data if available (default TRUE).

**Value**

A boe\_tbl data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Effective date of the rate change.

**new\_rate\_pct** Numeric. Bank Rate after the decision (percent).

**prev\_rate\_pct** Numeric. Bank Rate before the decision (percent).

**change\_bps** Integer. Change in basis points (positive = hike, negative = cut).

**direction** Character. "hike" or "cut".

**Source**

Derived from BoE series IUDBEDR (daily Bank Rate). See <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy>.

**See Also**

[boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_mpc\\_votes\(\)](#)

Other monetary policy: [boe\\_mpc\\_votes\(\)](#), [boe\\_mpr\\_forecasts\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# All MPC decisions since the global financial crisis
boe_mpc_decisions(from = "2007-01-01")

# Just decisions in 2024 to date
boe_mpc_decisions(from = "2024-01-01")
options(op)
```

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boe\_mpc\_votes

*Monetary Policy Committee voting history*

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**Description**

Downloads the Bank of England's published MPC voting record and returns it in long format. Each row is one (meeting, member) pair showing the rate the member voted for and whether that constituted a dissent from the committee's decision.

**Usage**

```
boe_mpc_votes(cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

**cache** Logical. Use cached download if less than 24 hours old (default TRUE). The voting workbook is small (~110 KB).

## Details

Coverage runs from the first MPC meeting in June 1997 through the most recent published minutes. Both current and past committee members are included.

Requires the **readxl** package.

## Value

A `boe_tbl` data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Meeting date.

**member** Character. MPC member name.

**member\_vote\_pct** Numeric. The Bank Rate the member voted for (percent).

**decision\_pct** Numeric. The committee's decision (percent).

**dissent** Logical. TRUE if the member's vote differed from the committee decision.

## Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy>

## See Also

[boe\\_mpc\\_decisions\(\)](#)

Other monetary policy: [boe\\_mpc\\_decisions\(\)](#), [boe\\_mpr\\_forecasts\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("readxl", quietly = TRUE)) {
  op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
  votes <- boe_mpc_votes()

  # Recent dissents
  recent <- subset(votes, dissent & date >= as.Date("2024-01-01"))
  head(recent)

  options(op)
}
```

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boe_mpr_forecasts	<i>Monetary Policy Report forecast data</i>
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### Description

Downloads the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Report (MPR) and parses headline projections from the Projections Databank workbook. Returns a long-format data frame where each row is one (publication date, forecast horizon, series) triple.

### Usage

```
boe_mpr_forecasts(
  series = c("cpi_inflation", "gdp_growth", "gdp_level", "unemployment", "bank_rate"),
  month = NULL,
  year = NULL,
  cache = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

series	Character vector. One or more of: "cpi_inflation", "gdp_growth", "gdp_level", "unemployment", "bank_rate". Defaults to all five.
month	Character. Publication month of the report, e.g. "february" or "may". The report is published roughly quarterly, but the exact month drifts between years (for example, the second 2026 report appeared in April, not May), so any month name is accepted and its existence is verified against the Bank's website. Supply with year. If both are NULL, the most recent compatible release is selected automatically.
year	Integer. MPR year, 2019 or later. Supply with month. If both are NULL, the most recent compatible release is selected automatically.
cache	Logical. Use cached download if available (default TRUE). Older releases never change so the cache never expires; the latest release is refreshed if older than 24 hours.

### Details

Coverage runs quarterly from November 2019 (when the report was renamed from Inflation Report) to the latest published release.

Requires the **readxl** package. The MPR is published as a zip archive containing a Projections Databank workbook plus chart data and slides; this function only reads the projection sheets.

Each row of a projection sheet is one MPR publication; columns are forecast quarters. The same publication therefore contributes multiple rows here, one per forecast horizon.

**Value**

A `boe_tbl` data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Publication date of the MPR (start of quarter the report covers).

**horizon** Character. Forecast horizon label (e.g. "2026 Q1").

**horizon\_date** Date. Start of the forecast quarter.

**series** Character. Series identifier (e.g. "cpi\_inflation").

**value** Numeric. Forecast value (percent for rates and growth; index for `gdp_level`).

**Release format and automatic fallback**

From the April 2026 report the Bank moved to a scenario-based "Scenario Projections Databank" with a transposed layout (following the Bernanke review of forecasting). That format is not parsed by this function yet. When automatic selection encounters such a release it skips it, falls back to the most recent compatible release (the classic "Projections Databank" workbook), and warns. Requesting a scenario-format release explicitly via month/year raises a clear error. Pre-2020 MPRs that predate the single "Projections Databank" workbook may also error.

**Source**

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/monetary-policy>

**See Also**

[boe\\_mpc\\_decisions\(\)](#), [boe\\_mpc\\_votes\(\)](#)

Other monetary policy: [boe\\_mpc\\_decisions\(\)](#), [boe\\_mpc\\_votes\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("readxl", quietly = TRUE)) {
  op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())

  # Latest CPI inflation projections
  cpi <- boe_mpr_forecasts(series = "cpi_inflation")
  head(cpi)

  options(op)
}
```

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`boe_search`*Search the BoE series catalogue*

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### Description

Filters the [boe\\_series](#) catalogue by keyword and optional category and frequency. Useful for finding a series code without leaving R. Equivalent to a `grep1` against the title and code columns.

### Usage

```
boe_search(query = NULL, category = NULL, frequency = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>query</code>	Character. Keyword(s) to match against the title and code columns. Case-insensitive substring match. If <code>NULL</code> , returns all rows (subject to other filters).
<code>category</code>	Character. Optional filter on the category column, one or more of "interest_rates", "exchange_rates", "mortgage_market", "consumer_credit", "monetary_aggregates".
<code>frequency</code>	Character. Optional filter on the frequency column, one or more of "daily", "monthly", "annual".

### Value

A data frame with the same columns as [boe\\_series](#), restricted to matching rows.

### See Also

[boe\\_browse\(\)](#), [boe\\_series](#)

Other discovery: [boe\\_browse\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# Find mortgage-related series
boe_search("mortgage")

# All daily interest-rate series
boe_search(category = "interest_rates", frequency = "daily")

# Locate the Bank Rate code
boe_search("bank rate")
```

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boe_series	<i>Catalogue of BoE series wrapped by this package</i>
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## Description

A reference data frame of Bank of England Statistical Database series codes for which the package provides a named convenience function. Used by `boe_search()` and `boe_browse()`.

## Usage

```
boe_series
```

## Format

A data frame with 8 columns:

**code** Character. BoE series code (e.g. "IUBNDR").

**title** Character. Human-readable description.

**category** Character. Topic grouping. One of "interest\_rates", "exchange\_rates", "mortgage\_market", "consumer\_credit", "monetary\_aggregates".

**frequency** Character. Native publication frequency ("daily", "monthly", "annual").

**unit** Character. Unit of measurement ("percent", "millions\_gbp", "currency\_per\_gbp", "index", "count").

**start\_date** Date. Earliest available observation date.

**seasonal\_adjustment** Character or NA. "SA", "NSA", or NA if not applicable.

**helper** Character. Convenience function in the package that wraps the series.

## Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

## Examples

```
head(boe_series)
table(boe_series$category)
```

---

boe\_sonia                      *Download SONIA interest rate*

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### Description

Downloads the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA), the risk-free reference rate for sterling markets. Available daily from January 1997.

### Usage

```
boe_sonia(  
  from = "1997-01-02",  
  to = Sys.Date(),  
  frequency = c("daily", "monthly", "annual"),  
  cache = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date. Defaults to "1997-01-02".
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
frequency	Character. One of "daily" (default), "monthly" (monthly average), or "annual" (annual average).
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

### Value

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.

**rate\_pct** Numeric. SONIA rate (percent).

### Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

### See Also

Other interest rates: [boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\\_panel\(\)](#), [boe\\_yield\\_curve\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())  
boe_sonia(from = "2020-01-01")  
options(op)
```

---

boe_yield_curve	<i>Download UK gilt yields</i>
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### Description

Downloads nominal or real gilt yields at specified maturities from the Bank of England yield curve data. Nominal par yields are available daily from late 1993; real zero-coupon yields from 1985.

### Usage

```
boe_yield_curve(
  from = "2000-01-01",
  to = Sys.Date(),
  maturity = c("5yr", "10yr", "20yr"),
  type = c("nominal", "real"),
  measure = c("par_yield", "zero_coupon"),
  cache = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

from	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). Start date.
to	Date or character (YYYY-MM-DD). End date. Defaults to today.
maturity	Character vector. One or more of "5yr", "10yr", "20yr". Defaults to all three.
type	Character. "nominal" (default) or "real".
measure	Character. "par_yield" (default, nominal only) or "zero_coupon".
cache	Logical. Use cached data if available (default TRUE).

### Value

A data frame with columns:

**date** Date. Observation date.  
**maturity** Character. Maturity label (e.g. "5yr").  
**yield\_pct** Numeric. Yield (percent).

### Source

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/>

### See Also

Other interest rates: [boe\\_bank\\_rate\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\(\)](#), [boe\\_curve\\_panel\(\)](#), [boe\\_sonia\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# 10-year nominal gilt yield since 2020
boe_yield_curve(from = "2020-01-01", maturity = "10yr")

# Full nominal curve
boe_yield_curve(from = "2020-01-01")

# Real yields
boe_yield_curve(from = "2020-01-01", type = "real", measure = "zero_coupon")
options(op)
```

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clear\_cache

*Clear locally cached Bank of England data*

---

### Description

Removes cached data files downloaded from the Bank of England.

### Usage

```
clear_cache(max_age_days = NULL)
```

### Arguments

max\_age\_days    Numeric or NULL. If specified, only removes files older than this many days. If NULL (the default), removes all cached files.

### Value

Invisibly returns the number of files removed.

### See Also

Other data access: [boe\\_get\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
# Remove files older than 7 days
clear_cache(max_age_days = 7)

# Remove everything
clear_cache()
options(op)
```

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list\_exchange\_rates     *List available exchange rate currencies*

---

**Description**

Returns a data frame of currency codes and descriptions available from the Bank of England exchange rate series.

**Usage**

```
list_exchange_rates()
```

**Value**

A data frame with columns:

**currency** Character. ISO currency code.

**description** Character. Currency name.

**boe\_code** Character. BoE series code.

**See Also**

Other exchange rates: [boe\\_exchange\\_rate\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
list_exchange_rates()
```

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print.boe\_tbl     *Print method for boe\_tbl*

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**Description**

Adds a one-line provenance header above the data frame body. The header summarises the request: number of series (and codes if few), observation count, date range, frequency, and any vintage tag.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'boe_tbl'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A boe\_tbl.  
...                   Passed to the underlying print.data.frame method.

**Value**

x, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
op <- options(boe.cache_dir = tempdir())
x <- boe_bank_rate(from = "2020-01-01", frequency = "monthly")
print(x)
options(op)
```

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