

Please keep this document safe – you might need it again in the future



Talk to us in any Santander branch in the UK



[santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk)



Call us on **0330 9 123 123**

Basic Current Account

Key Facts Document (including Specific Conditions, Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) Information sheet & Exclusions List)

Effective from 28 April 2026

Specific conditions

The table below sets out specific conditions for your account. These conditions apply as well as the general terms.

Sole or joint account	You can have an account in your sole name or jointly with one other person. In some cases, you can only open an account in your sole name. We'll tell you when you apply if this is the case.
Eligibility	You can have this account if you're 16 or over. You must live in the UK for tax purposes or have permission to stay for at least 12 months.
Number of accounts	You can only have one of these accounts. You must also not have more than one other Santander current account.
Fee for maintaining the account	There's no monthly fee.
Your interest and when we'll pay it	We don't pay any interest on the account.
Overdrafts	Overdrafts aren't available on the account. In certain situations we might give you an unarranged overdraft. For example, if we need to take money out of your account or there isn't enough money to cover the payment. Or, if we have to send a payment back to the original sender. We won't charge you any interest or fees if we give you an unarranged overdraft.

<p>Account alerts</p>	<p>Helping you keep on top of your account.</p> <p>If we have your mobile number, we'll send you free text messages when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ you make a payment that may take your account into an unarranged overdraft, ◦ we refuse a payment due to lack of funds or intend to refuse a future payment due to a lack of funds. <p>We'll send these alerts by text, push notification, and/or email, so it's important you tell us if your mobile number or email address changes.</p> <p>You can change or turn off these alerts at any time using Online or Mobile Banking or by contacting us in branch or by phone.</p> <p>We can also send you other alerts about your account. You can find out more about these alerts on our website and register for them in Online or Mobile Banking, in branch or by calling us.</p>
<p>Transferring your account</p>	<p>You may be able to transfer to another Santander account in the future. You must have held the Basic Current Account for a minimum of 9 months. You must also meet the eligibility criteria for the new account. You'll be subject to a credit search.</p> <p>A leaflet called 'Your application and credit scoring' is available on request.</p> <p>To find out more please either contact us by phone or visit your local branch.</p>
<p>If you change your mind</p>	<p>Tell us if you change your mind</p> <p>You can close your account at any time during your 'cancellation period' – we won't charge you for it. This is 14 days, starting the day after we confirmed your account is open.</p> <p>If you do this, we'll return your money together with any interest we owe you. We'll do this as soon as we can (and within 30 days from when you tell us).</p> <p>You can also close your account at any other time outside this cancellation period – we won't charge you.</p>
<p>Declaration</p>	<p>By applying for this account, you declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ You've received a copy of the General Terms and Conditions and Important Information, this Key Facts Document and our Data Protection Statement, ◦ You agree to the general terms and these specific conditions. <p>If you've any questions about the account or the terms and conditions, please contact us before you apply.</p>

The following information does not form part of our agreement with you

How we provide our services

We don't give advice

Unless we tell you otherwise, we won't give you financial advice as part of the services we provide you. However, we will give you information to help you make decisions about your finances.

Put simply

We won't give you advice to help you decide if a product is right for you. We'll give you information to help you make decisions.

Our regulatory status

We're authorised and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and also regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Our Financial Services Register number is 106054. You can check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA's website, [fca.org.uk/register](https://www.fca.org.uk/register)

We're a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) – ask for a leaflet in branch for more information.

Put simply

We're authorised and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and also regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. We're also a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

We keep your information confidential

We'll keep the information you give us confidential in line with our policies and the regulations we need to follow. On joint applications your information may be shared with the other applicant, and you must have their permission if you provide their information to us. We may share some information about you with other companies in the Santander Group, our service providers and regulators, the courts and the Financial Ombudsman Service for particular purposes.

You can find more on how we use your information, who we share it with and your data protection rights in our Data Protection Statement. You can also check the 'Using My Personal Data' booklet – visit our website or ask us for a copy.

Put simply

The information you give us is treated confidentially and in line with data protection legislation and our Data Protection Statement. For more information on your data protection rights you can ask for a copy of the 'Using My Personal Data' booklet.

We'll need to do some credit and other checks on you

If you apply for a credit product with us, for example a credit card, a loan or current account that offers an overdraft, we'll carry out a search of your credit file (and your Business credit file if you apply for a Business product) with a credit reference agency before we decide to lend money to you. This search, including details about your application, will be recorded on your credit file. For a short period, this may affect your ability to get credit elsewhere. If you make a joint application, the credit reference agencies will 'link' your records together. We'll look at these results and decide if it's suitable to open the account and offer credit where requested. If it's not, we'll decline your application and let you know. If we give you a credit card, a loan or a bank account, we'll also share information with credit reference agencies about how you manage your account.

You can find more information in the 'About your application and credit scoring' leaflet, available on our website.

Put simply

If you apply for a credit product, we will carry out a credit search to make a decision on your application and this will be recorded on your credit file (and your Business credit file if you apply for a Business product). Records will be linked together on joint applications.

Making a complaint

If you're unhappy with our service for any reason, please contact us. We'll try to resolve your issue as quickly as we can.

Message us by using 'chat' in Online or Mobile Banking

Call our dedicated complaints team on 0800 171 2171.

Write to us Complaints, Santander UK plc, Sunderland, SR43 4GD.

Speak to us in person by visiting any Santander branch.

You can also get further information on our complaints process on our website or in our complaints leaflet. Ask us if you'd like a copy of this.

If you're not happy with how we deal with your complaint, you may be able to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service. To find out more, visit **[financial-ombudsman.org.uk](https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)**

Other important information about your account

1. Making payments in and out of your account

Cards

Unless you tell us otherwise and subject to status, a Santander debit card will be issued to you (if you qualify this will include contactless).

Your card	Shops	Internet	Cash machine	Abroad
Santander debit card	✓	✓	✓	✓
cash card	-	-	✓	✓

Fees may apply when using your card abroad. You can only use your cash card abroad to make cash withdrawals using cash machines.

You'll receive more information with your card and PIN when they arrive.

Paying money in and out

You can pay in cash or cheques at Santander cash machines in the UK, Santander branches and at a Post Office® branch. You can receive regular payments into your account, such as your salary.

If you pay in a cheque at a Post Office branch, we will normally receive it two days later. You can send money within the UK using Faster Payments, Direct Debits and standing orders. You can also pay bills, set up recurring transactions and make payments in a foreign currency. For more information on any of these please refer to your General Terms and Conditions for Current Accounts and Savings Accounts or ask a member of staff.

For more information about when payments have cleared, please see the General Terms and Conditions for Current Accounts and Savings Accounts.

Chequebook

A chequebook is not available with this account. You may request a banker's draft or counter cheque. If you do so, a fee will be payable. Please see the General Terms and Conditions for Current Accounts and Savings Accounts for more information.

2. Keeping track of your account

Statements

We recommend that you check your statement carefully and let us know as soon as possible if there are any mistakes or any unauthorised transactions by calling us on **0330 9 123 123**. For further information and how we provide you with information on transactions on your account please refer to the General Terms and Conditions for Current Accounts and Savings Accounts.

Going paper-free

You'll receive your documents and statements by post unless you chose paper-free when you applied for your product or have switched to paper free since opening your account. If you've chosen paper-free, your statements for this product, as well as some of your letters, will be sent monthly to your 'Document Store' in Online Banking. You'll receive an email when a document is ready to view. You can change your preferences on how to receive documents from us within Online Banking at any time.

Access your account using Online, Mobile, Telephone Banking and at any Post Office branch.

- Visit [santander.co.uk/register](https://www.santander.co.uk/register), ask in branch or call us on **0330 9 123 123** to register for Online Banking.
- For more information on Mobile Banking, visit [santander.co.uk/mobilebanking](https://www.santander.co.uk/mobilebanking).
- If you want to speak to us, call us on **0330 9 123 123**. If you're dialling internationally, call **00 44 1908 237 963**. If you have difficulties with your hearing or speech, and if you have a textphone, please use the Text Relay service by calling us on **18001 0330 9 123 123**.

- You can also complete balance enquiries, cheque deposits, cash deposits and cash withdrawals using any Post Office branch. Opening hours, services and transaction limits may vary. For more information about these services, visit [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk)

Account alerts

You'll be auto-registered for some alerts about your account. For more information visit [santander.co.uk/alerts](https://www.santander.co.uk/alerts)
For more information about ways to manage your account, pick up a leaflet in branch or visit [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk)

Financial difficulties

We've got lots of help and support on our website [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk). Use our free financial health check to get tips to help you manage your money. Search 'If finances are a struggle' online or on our website.

If you'd prefer to speak to someone independent there's help available. We've partnered with PayPlan. They offer free and independent advice over the phone or online. PayPlan can help cut your costs and reduce the amount you're paying out. They can complete a benefits check to make sure you get what you're entitled to. Call PayPlan on **0800 280 2816** or go to [payplan.com](https://www.payplan.com)

Alternative formats

Santander can provide literature in alternative formats. The formats are: large print, braille and audio CD. If you'd like to register to receive correspondence in an alternative format please visit [santander.co.uk/alternativeformats](https://www.santander.co.uk/alternativeformats). For more information, ask us in branch or give us a call. If you are deaf, have hearing loss or speech loss, please use Relay UK at [relayuk.bt.com](https://www.relayuk.bt.com). This is a free service that can help you communicate over the phone. If you're using British Sign Language (BSL) and would like to use video relay, you can learn more at [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk) by searching 'accessibility'

Our rights under our agreement with you

The general terms and conditions set out our relationship with you and explain how your account will operate. Under those terms, we have a number of rights that you should be aware of. These include:

- Refusing or delaying payments
 - We can refuse to make a payment from your account or to accept a payment into your account for various reasons. These are set out in the general terms and conditions and include a number of reasons related to concerns about possible scams, fraud or the security of your account.
 - We can also delay payments while we investigate. This could mean you're late in paying someone you need to pay.
 - If we remain concerned, we may refuse to make the payment even if you have checked it and confirmed you want it to go ahead.
- Blocking access to your account
 - We can block access to your account for various reasons, including if we have concerns about security or fraud. We can also block access if you don't give us information we need from you.
 - We may retain money in your account and not pay it to you in some situations. We'll only do this if another person claims that the money belongs to them or you don't address any concerns we have about the origin of the money.
 - We can block a third party provider from accessing your account if we think they don't have consent or are acting fraudulently.
- Taking money out of your account
 - We can take money out of your account in a number of situations set out in the general terms and conditions.
 - We can do this if we paid you the money by mistake or if we think you received the money from someone else by mistake and we're asked to return it.
 - We can also do it if we paid you a refund and then find out you weren't entitled to it.
 - We can take money from your account to repay amounts you owe us or another Santander company.
- Changing or ending the agreement
 - We can change the interest rate (unless it's fixed), fees or other terms at any time by giving you notice. The reasons when we can do this are set out in the general terms and conditions.
 - We can end this agreement immediately for various reasons set out in the general terms and conditions, including if you break the agreement, are abusive to our staff or misuse your account.
 - We may ask you to repay any overdraft you have immediately at any time but we'll usually give you notice.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) Information Sheet



If Santander UK plc should go into insolvency, eligible deposits are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme ('FSCS') and would be repaid up to £120,000 by the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

Limit of protection

£120,000 per depositor, per bank

cahoot, Santander Business and Santander Corporate & Commercial are all trading names of Santander UK plc.

All eligible deposits at the same bank, building society or credit union are added up to determine the coverage level.

For example, if you hold a savings account with £80,000 and a current account with £50,000, FSCS will pay you £120,000 and you may lose £10,000.

So the FSCS can pay you promptly, please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details, including your email address.

If you have a joint account with other people

For joint accounts, the limit of £120,000 applies to each depositor separately. For example, if there are 2 account holders, you'll each be entitled to £120,000 protection, giving a total of £240,000.

Your small business, limited company or charity will need to meet certain eligibility criteria to claim compensation with the FSCS. We assess eligibility on a case-by-case basis and it varies for different types of claim. Legal status will affect eligibility, e.g. if you're an individual or incorporated entity (such as a corporation or limited partnership).

Charitable status is never relevant to eligibility. To check if you're protected visit [fscs.org.uk/making-a-claim/claims-process/small-business](https://www.fscs.org.uk/making-a-claim/claims-process/small-business)

Temporary high balances

If you have a 'temporary high balance' you might be entitled to more than £120,000 protection for 6 months from when the amount was first deposited or legally transferred. Temporary high balances are deposits connected with certain events, including:

- (a) transactions relating to the purchase and sale of your main home
- (b) major life events such as death, your marriage or civil partnership, divorce, retirement, redundancy, disability, or incapacity
- (c) compensation for personal injuries or wrongful conviction.

How the FSCS will pay you

The FSCS will typically return deposits within 7 business days, by cheque or electronic payment into an alternative account. Payments may take longer in exceptional circumstances. For example, if there's a temporary high balance, or the deposit is held on behalf of underlying beneficiaries.

Contact Santander UK plc with questions about your account

For personal accounts: **0330 9 123 123**

For cahoot accounts: **0330 678 2811**

For Business Banking accounts: **0330 678 2456**

For Santander Corporate and Commercial accounts: **0333 207 2229**

Find more information on FSCS protection

[fscs.org.uk](https://www.fscs.org.uk)

0800 678 1100

enquiries@fscs.org.uk

FSCS exclusions list

As set out in the Depositor Protection Information Sheet, deposits held by individuals and businesses will be generally eligible for FSCS protection up to the compensation limit. However, some exclusions do apply. Details of the most common exclusions are set out below. For full details of the exclusions, please see the Depositor Protection Part of the PRA Rulebook or [fscs.org.uk](https://www.fscs.org.uk)

A deposit is excluded from protection if it meets any of the following criteria.

(1) The depositor is one of the following:

- credit institution
- financial institution
- investment firm
- insurance undertaking
- reinsurance undertaking
- collective investment undertaking
- pension or retirement fund
- public authority, other than a small local authority.

Note that:

- a) deposits held on behalf of underlying beneficiaries who are eligible for FSCS protection aren't excluded
 - b) personal pension schemes, stakeholder pension schemes or occupational pension schemes for micro, small and medium sized companies aren't excluded.
- (2) Deposits not held at a UK establishment of a bank, building society or credit union. Or, in the case of a bank, building society or credit union incorporated in the UK, it isn't held at an establishment in Gibraltar.
- (3) Deposits linked to money laundering. For example, it's transferred from an account held by someone who's been convicted of money laundering.