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## Choice Current Account

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Key Facts Document (including Specific Conditions, Pre-Contractual Explanation, Pre-Contractual Information and Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) Information sheet & Exclusions List)

Effective from 28 April 2026

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

<b>Sole or joint account</b>	You can have an account in your sole name or jointly with one other person.
<b>Eligibility</b>	You can have this account if you're 18 or over and live in the UK.
<b>Fee for maintaining the account</b>	There's no monthly fee.
<b>Your interest and when we'll pay it</b>	We don't pay any interest on the account.

Overdraft interest and fees	We'll charge you interest and fees if you use an arranged overdraft.			
	<b>Arranged overdraft interest rate</b>	<b>Representative 29.94% APR / EAR (variable)</b>		
	<b>Maximum monthly charge</b>	£30 This is a cap on the total overdraft interest you may be charged in each monthly statement period.		
	<b>What does APR mean?</b>	<b>What does EAR mean?</b>		
	This is the Annual Percentage Rate. It shows the overall cost of the credit as an annual rate. It takes into account the interest, charges and any other cost involved in getting credit, which makes it easy to compare across the market.	This is the Effective Annual Rate. It represents the yearly cost of an arranged or unarranged overdraft. It takes into account how often we charge interest to the account and does not include any other fees or charges.		
	If you switch your account to us, we'll give you a four-month interest-free and fee-free arranged overdraft (depending on your circumstances). We won't charge you any interest or fees if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ you use an unarranged overdraft,</li> <li>◦ we allow a payment despite lack of funds, or</li> <li>◦ we refuse a payment due to a lack of funds.</li> </ul> Generally, for this account, we won't make a payment if you don't have enough money in your account and we won't give you an unarranged overdraft to cover this. We'll only give you an unarranged overdraft in certain situations if we need to take money out of your account and there isn't enough money in your account to cover this. This may happen, for example, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ a cheque you've paid into your account is returned (i.e., it bounces)</li> <li>◦ you make a debit card payment 'offline' (such as when you're on a plane)</li> <li>◦ we take back a refund we've given you because you weren't entitled to it, or</li> <li>◦ we take a fee from your account.</li> </ul> If you have an arranged overdraft on your account and go beyond your limit, you won't be charged any interest on the portion of your balance which is above your limit. But interest will still apply to the portion of your balance within your limit.			
	<b>How much does the overdraft cost in pounds and pence?</b>			
	To help you understand the cost of an overdraft, we've created a table below. It shows how much the cost of borrowing £500 through an arranged overdraft costs for this account. If you borrow more than this or for a longer period, the cost will be proportionate and may be higher.			
		<b>For 7 days</b>	<b>For 30 days</b>	<b>For 60 days</b>
		£2.54	£10.88	£21.83

	<p>This illustration assumes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ you're £500 into an arranged overdraft from the first day of the period of illustration</li> <li>◦ you don't make any payments in or out of your account, and</li> <li>◦ your statement period starts on the first day of the period of illustration, and the period of illustration starts in a 30-day month.</li> </ul> <p>All overdrafts are subject to status. We may need you to repay the amount you owe in full on demand at any time. If our rates and fees increase, we'll give you at least 2 months' notice.</p> <p><b>Helping you keep on top of your account and overdraft</b></p> <p>If we have your mobile number, we'll send you free text messages when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ you make a payment that may take your account into an unarranged overdraft,</li> <li>◦ you make a payment that may take your account into an arranged overdraft,</li> <li>◦ we refuse a payment due to lack of funds or intend to refuse a future payment due to a lack of funds.</li> </ul> <p>We'll send these alerts before we charge you any interest or fees so you have time to pay money into your account to avoid or reduce these charges. 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>You can find out more about overdrafts at <a href="https://www.santander.co.uk">santander.co.uk</a> by searching 'overdraft'.</p>
<p><b>What is a monthly statement period?</b></p>	<p>This isn't a calendar month. It's usually the period between the date you opened your account (or the monthly anniversary of that date) and the same date in the following month. This is the same period as your monthly statements.</p>
<p><b>If you change your mind</b></p>	<p><b>Tell us if you change your mind</b></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><b>Declaration</b></p>	<p>By applying for this account, you declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ You've received a copy of the General Terms and Conditions and Important Information, this Key Facts Document, and our Data Protection Statement.</li> <li>◦ You agree to the general terms and these specific conditions.</li> </ul> <p>If you've any questions about the account or the terms and conditions, please contact us before you apply.</p>

The following information, other than the Pre-Contractual Information for Arranged Overdrafts section, 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** at 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)**

# Pre-Contractual Explanation

## What is an overdraft?

An **arranged overdraft** is a loan through your current account which happens when your balance is below zero and allows you to borrow up to an agreed limit. The amount we agree to lend depends on your personal circumstances. You can discuss a new arranged overdraft, or a limit increase for an existing arranged overdraft through Online Banking, by calling us on **0330 9 123 123** or by speaking to us in branch.

An **unarranged overdraft** is where a transaction takes your balance below zero without an arranged overdraft in place or beyond your agreed arranged overdraft limit. These transactions are automatically treated as requests for an unarranged overdraft.

When you try to make a payment that would take you into an unarranged overdraft, we decide whether to allow the payment to go through based on your individual circumstances. There are certain types of transactions we can't stop which you may incur charges for.

Details of the costs for using an overdraft can be found in your account's Key Facts Document. You can also check how much this may be by using our overdraft cost calculator available at [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk). You can find out if you may be eligible for an overdraft by using the eligibility tool available at [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk)

There are other types of borrowing, such as loans and credit cards, which could provide cheaper alternatives depending on your personal circumstances. Visit our website, [santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk) to find out more.

We can ask you to repay any overdraft at any time in line with our General Terms and Conditions.

## Put Simply

An overdraft lets you borrow through your current account. Having an overdraft can be useful as a back-up to help you deal with short term, unexpected costs. It is not suitable for longer term borrowing.

An **arranged overdraft** is when we agree a set amount you can borrow from us. You need to apply for an arranged overdraft before you can use one, either when you apply for a current account or at any time afterwards.

An **unarranged overdraft** is when your account either goes over your arranged overdraft limit or overdrawn without an arranged overdraft in place. We may choose to allow or reject transactions which could take you into an unarranged overdraft. There are certain types of transactions we can't stop which you may incur charges for.

The costs for using an overdraft are set out in your Key Facts Document.

We may ask you to repay all or part of your overdraft at any time, but we'll try to notify you of this before.

## How is your credit file impacted by applying for or using an overdraft?

When you apply for a new or an increase to your existing overdraft, we'll perform a 'credit search'. This means we check details of your credit history with certain credit reference agencies who will keep a record of that search including details about your application with us.

If a credit search is completed but we do not give you an overdraft or overdraft increase, or you remain in an overdraft position for a long period of time, a record will stay on the files that the credit agencies keep on you and may impact other provider's decisions.

## Put Simply

Because you're asking to borrow from us, we'll check your financial history with the main credit agencies. This is called a credit search. A record of the credit search stays on your file and may affect other provider's decisions.

If you don't make repayments either when due or at our request, this can affect your credit rating. This may make it more difficult or more expensive for you to get credit from us or another lender in the future.

### How to request a reduction or a removal of an arranged overdraft?

An overdraft has no fixed end date but we will review it regularly and have the right to change your arranged overdraft limit at any time. You can reduce or cancel your arranged overdraft facility at any point in Online Banking, by calling us or in branch.

If you cancel your arranged overdraft you must repay the money that you have borrowed under your arranged overdraft before the cancellation can be completed. You must also pay all the fees and interest applicable to your overdraft.

### Put Simply

Your arranged overdraft doesn't have a specific end date and the amount can be reduced or cancelled at any point by either yourself or us.

If you cancel your arranged overdraft, you must repay the overdraft amount and fees/interest before this can be completed.

### What are overdraft alerts and why do you receive them?

We'll send you overdraft alerts to help you keep an eye on your accounts and avoid or reduce charges. We'll send them by text, push notification, and/or email, so it's important you tell us if your mobile number or email address changes. Our regulator asks us to send these alerts, so we'll auto-register you for them. You can customise them after your account has been set up.

### Put Simply

There are some messages we need to send you about your overdraft due to certain regulations. We'll text these to your mobile number, send you a push notification, and/or send you an email. If you haven't provided an up to date mobile number or email address, we may not be able to provide the alert in time to help you manage, avoid or reduce charges.

## Pre-Contractual Information for Arranged Overdrafts

### 1. Contact details

Creditor address  
Santander UK plc, Santander House,  
2 Triton Square, Regent's Place,  
London NW1 3AN.

### 2. Description of the main features of the credit product

#### The type of credit

Arranged Overdraft.

**The total amount of credit.** This means the total amount available under the agreement or the credit limit.

We have assumed that this will be £1,200. The actual amount, which may be different from this figure, will be confirmed in the Arranged Overdraft Agreement letter.

#### The duration of the credit agreement

The agreement has no fixed duration.

#### Repayment of the credit

We may require you to repay the credit in full on demand at any time.

### 3. Costs of the credit

If you use your arranged overdraft, the following charges will apply:

#### Arranged overdraft usage rates, fees and charges

Representative 29.94% APR/EAR (variable) will be applied on the amount of arranged overdraft you use (capped at £30 in each monthly statement period)

If you have switched your account, you will not be charged interest for an arranged overdraft for the first four months.

#### The conditions under which those costs may be changed

If overdraft interest rates or fees go up, we'll personally notify you at least 2 months before the change comes into effect. We'll only change our interest rates or fees in the circumstances set out in our General Terms and Conditions. We won't tell you when interest rates or fees on overdrafts go down.

### Costs in the case of late payments

There are no charges for late or missed payments.

## 4. Other important legal aspects

### Termination of the credit agreement

Overdrafts are repayable on demand. Subject to the Consumer Credit Act, if we do decide to remove or reduce your overdraft limit we will normally give you 30 days' personal notification of our intention.

### Consultation with a credit reference agency

If we decide not to proceed with an agreement for an overdraft on the basis of information received from a credit reference agency, we will inform you of this and provide you with their name, address and telephone number.

### If applicable, the period of time during which the creditor is bound by the pre-contractual information

This information is valid until you enter into an overdraft agreement with us.

## 5. Additional information to be given in the case of distance marketing of financial services

### a) Concerning the creditor

See Condition 1 of this Pre-contractual information for Arranged Overdrafts.

### Registration

Firm Reference number 106054.

Company number 2294747.

### The supervisory authority

The Financial Conduct Authority is the supervisory authority for consumer credit agreements.

### b) Concerning the credit agreement

The law taken by us as a basis for the establishment of relations with you before the conclusion of the credit contract is English Law.

The agreement is governed by English Law and disputes between you and us may be referred to the courts in England and Wales.

All communications under this agreement shall be in English.

### c) Concerning redress

#### Access to out-of-court complaint and redress mechanism

If you have a complaint, please contact our dedicated complaints team in the first instance on 0800 171 2171, or visit the complaints section of our website ([santander.co.uk](https://www.santander.co.uk)). If you remain dissatisfied following the resolution of your complaint, you may contact the Financial Ombudsman Service. Their details are:



The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.



**0800 0 234 567** free for people phoning from a fixed UK land-line and mobiles from within the UK or  
**0300 123 9 123** free for mobile phone users who pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 or 02.



**[complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)**  
**[www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)**

# Managing your Choice Current Account and making payments

The glossary and the Fee Information Document explain the difference between an arranged and unarranged overdraft, as well as the different types of fees you can incur for arranged and unarranged overdrafts. The Choice Current Account is different from our other current accounts as you can have an arranged overdraft facility (subject to status), but it doesn't normally allow you to request an unarranged overdraft. This means that you can only spend money you have available, which can help you to control your finances.

## 1. Making payments in and out of your account

The Choice Current Account prevents your account entering an unarranged overdraft by refusing payments due to lack of funds that would cause you to go beyond your arranged overdraft limit or below zero where you have no arranged overdraft in place. These payments could include:

- Direct Debits and standing orders.
- BACS and CHAPs payments
- Cheques, and
- Future dated payments.

### What does this mean?

This could mean that important bills and even very small payments may not be paid if you don't have enough money in your account.

If you want us to consider making payments when you don't have enough money in your account, there are other current accounts available. See our website or talk to a member of staff for more information.

### Are there any occasions where I may go past my arranged overdraft limit?

While it is unlikely, there may be some circumstances where we are unable to refuse a payment due to lack of funds that could take you into an unarranged overdraft. For example:

- Where the retailer accepts a debit card payment without checking with us that there is enough money in the account.
- If there is not enough money in your account to cover any Santander fees.
- If a payment is made against an uncleared item (such as a cheque) which is later unpaid.

If this happens you won't be charged unarranged overdraft interest. We recommend you check your balance regularly so you can pay money into the account as soon as possible to move back into your arranged overdraft.

Please note: If you transfer from another Santander current account to the Choice Current Account then any authorised payments on your previous account may mean you move into an unarranged overdraft upon transfer.

We recommend setting up your Direct Debits and standing orders to be paid after your payday.

## 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 get more information with your card and PIN when they arrive.

## Chequebook

A chequebook can be requested (subject to status). Please ask in branch or call **0330 9 123 123** for more details.

## Paying money in and out

You can pay in cash or cheques at Santander cash machines in the UK and 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 or 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 or details on when payments clear please refer to the General Terms and Conditions for Current Accounts and Savings Accounts or ask a member of staff.

## 2. Keeping track of your accounts

### 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 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 via Online, Mobile, Telephone Banking and at a Post Office branch.

- Visit [santander.co.uk/register](https://santander.co.uk/register) 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://santander.co.uk/mobilebanking)
- If you want to speak to us, call us on **0330 9 123 123**. If you're dialing internationally, call **00 44 1908 237 963**. If you have difficulties with your hearing or speech, and if you have a textphone, please use Relay UK 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. For more information about these services, visit [santander.co.uk](https://santander.co.uk)
- If you withdraw cash at a Post Office branch, you will need a cash or debit card and your PIN. Opening hours, services and transaction limits may vary.

### Account alerts

You'll be auto-registered for some alerts about your account. For more information visit [santander.co.uk/alerts](https://santander.co.uk/alerts)

### Time to manage your account

If you use an arranged or unarranged overdraft, you'll have until 8pm that day to pay money into your account with cleared funds and move your balance back into your arranged overdraft or into credit and avoid charges. You can set up account alerts to warn you when you don't have enough money in your account to cover a payment. This will give you a chance to put money in your account before 8pm and avoid overdraft interest.

When we do charge overdraft interest, we'll take it from your account 22 days after the end date of the statement in which we've told you about the charges. This means that you'll have plenty of time to make sure you have enough money in your account to cover the charges after we've told you about them.

For more information about ways to manage your account, pick up a leaflet in branch or visit [santander.co.uk](https://santander.co.uk)

## Financial difficulties

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We've got lots of help and support on our website **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**

## Alternative formats

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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**. 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**. 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** by searching 'accessibility'.

# Our rights under our agreement with you

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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**

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# 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.