



BANKING BASICS

GLOSSARY

1. INTRODUCTION TO BANKING

BANK = A place to keep your money safe until you need to use it.

CURRENT ACCOUNT = A safe place to keep your money, to use it whenever you want. You can put your wages in here, use it to pay bills and for everyday spending.

INTEREST = Extra money you get from the bank for keeping your money with them and excess you pay back when you borrow money.

MOBILE BANKING = Using an app on your phone or tablet to check your balance and transfer money.

ONLINE BANKING = Using the internet to check your balance, make payments and open accounts.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT = An account you can open to store savings that you don't need to access regularly. Savings accounts often earn interest over time.

2. OPENING YOUR ACCOUNT

IDENTIFICATION = Documents that prove who you are, like your passport or driving license, which banks will ask for to open an account.

NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER = A unique number given to you by the government just before you turn 16 that you may need when you open an account.

3. USING YOUR ACCOUNT

DEPOSIT = Money you have paid into your account.

WITHDRAWAL = Money you have taken out of your account.

CASH MACHINE (ATM) = A machine where you can withdraw your cash.

BALANCE = How much money you have in your account.

DEBIT CARD = A card you use to buy things or withdraw cash. The money comes straight from your current account and you can only spend what you have in your account. This is different from a credit card which requires you to borrow from the bank and pay it back with interest.

BANK TRANSFER = Moving money from one account to another. You can do this using online banking, mobile banking or in a branch.

TRANSACTION = When money moves in or out of your account, e.g cash withdrawals, deposits or debit card purchases

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) = A 4-digit number you need to use your card. You may need to use your pin when spending money or getting your money from a cashpoint.

SORT CODE = A 6-digit number that identifies your bank and branch.

ACCOUNT NUMBER = A 8-digit number that identifies your bank account.

BANK STATEMENT = A paper or online document showing all the money that has gone in and out of your account.