

# Terms and Conditions for smile current accounts

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With effect from 4 June 2025

Please read these terms and conditions and keep them safe.



# How to contact us

- **For general queries**

**To find out:**

- the standard exchange rates
- Faster Payment limits.

**To let us know:**

- if you've forgotten your PIN
- if you've lost or damaged a device we've given you (such as a debit card).

**Send** us a secure message via online banking

**Call** 03457 212 212\*

**Visit** one of our branches, or

**Write to** Customer Services Manager, The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., PO Box 4931, Swindon, SN4 4PL.

- **To tell us**

- to cancel a regular or future-dated payment
- about a change to contact details

**Call** 03457 212 212\*

**Visit** one of our branches; or

**Write to** Customer Services Manager, The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., PO Box 4931, Swindon, SN4 4PL.

- **To alert us quickly that:**

- you didn't authorise a payment or you've received a payment you don't recognise
- you think we've not made a payment correctly and you want to stop it
- you think someone knows your security details.

**Call** 03457 212 212\*

- **To report a lost, stolen or damaged debit card or cheque book:**

**Call** 0345 600 6000\* as soon as possible

- **For anything to do with sending money outside the UK over £10,000** (for example, to make a payment overseas that is not in sterling, or to cancel an international payment)

**Call** 03457 212 212\*

- **To make a complaint**

**Send** us a secure message

**Email** [complaints@co-operativebank.co.uk](mailto:complaints@co-operativebank.co.uk). If you do email us, please provide your name and contact number(s). For security reasons, please do not include any account details in your email.

**Call** 03457 212 212\*

**Write to** Customer Response, The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., PO Box 4931, Swindon, SN4 4PL.

**Please call 03457 212 212\* if you would like to receive this information in an alternative format such as large print, audio or Braille.**

\*Calls to 03 numbers from a UK landline cost up to 16p per minute and from a mobile cost between 3p and 65p if outside any inclusive minutes. Charges for calls made outside of the UK will be determined by your local provider.

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## Guide to this document

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To make it easier to find what you’re looking for, we’ve divided these terms and conditions into chapters.

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## Chapter A – About this agreement and your account

### In this chapter, we explain some key points about this agreement and your account including:

- the documents that make up our agreement with you;
- when we can transfer our rights under this agreement to others;
- the law that applies to this agreement;
- our tax-reporting obligations; and
- how each of us will contact the other.

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## 1. About this agreement

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1.1 Our agreement with you is made up of the terms and conditions:

- (a) in this document;
- (b) in the 'Account Charges Leaflet' relevant to your account (which contains our debit interest rates and charges and related terms); and
- (c) additional terms in other documents we give you or put on our website that we say are part of our current account agreement.

It covers smile current account and smilemore account. This is a personal account and you must not use it for business purposes.

1.2 If there is a difference between the terms in this document and the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account or any additional terms for an account, then the Account Charges Leaflet or additional terms will apply.

1.3 We'll also give you information about how to use your account. This could be in a 'Welcome Guide', on our website and in other documents we give you.

1.4 Where we use examples in this agreement to make things clearer, the meaning of the conditions is not limited to the specific examples we've given.

1.5 In this agreement:

- (a) the '**bank**', '**we**', '**us**' or '**our**' means The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE (trading as smile); and
- (b) '**you**' means the individual or, for joint accounts, the individuals whose names the account is in.

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## 2. When can we transfer our rights under this agreement to others?

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2.1 We may transfer our rights and our responsibilities under this agreement. We'll only transfer our responsibilities to another person if they are authorised to hold your money, and if we reasonably believe they are capable of carrying out our responsibilities instead of us and they agree to do so. We'll tell you about any transfer and when it will take effect and you agree that we'll be released from all responsibilities from that date.

2.2 You may not transfer any of your rights or responsibilities under this agreement to any person.

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## 3. What law applies to this agreement?

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3.1 This agreement (and all our dealings with you before the agreement) is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

3.2 If your address is in England or Wales, the courts of England and Wales will deal with any disputes that might happen. But if your address is in Scotland or Northern Ireland, then the courts of those countries will deal with a dispute instead. And if your address is in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, the courts in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands will deal with a dispute instead.

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## 4. Tax reporting

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4.1 If we believe you may have tax obligations in other countries, we may disclose information about you to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), which may share the information with other tax authorities.

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## 5. Reporting problems and how we will contact each other

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- 5.1 You must use the contact details at the front of this document to report an unauthorised payment or possible loss, theft or unauthorised use of a payment device or security details, or to contact us for any other reason.
- 5.2 Please read the 'Keeping your account secure and your money safe' section on page 23 carefully. We might not be liable for any loss that occurs if you haven't taken reasonable security precautions to keep your account safe.



### What do we mean by security details?

These are personalised details you must use to give an instruction, confirm your identity or to access any payment device (for example a password, verification code, security code, PIN or, if available, biometric data such as a fingerprint).

### What do we mean by payment device?

This means a debit card or other device you can use to make payments or access your account (such as a smart phone that has your debit card or account details on it).

- 5.3 We'll contact you and give you notices using the most recent details you have given us.



- Wherever in this agreement we say we'll contact you, we'll use post, telephone or an electronic or digital message (including internet, email and text message) as appropriate.
- You must tell us immediately of any change of address or other contact details. It's important to make sure your contact details are up to date so we can send you information or notices, and so you can use our services that require us to hold a valid email address and mobile number for you (such as online banking). We may ask for evidence of the change by contacting you through your online or mobile banking services, phone, text, secure message, or by emailing you.
- If we need to contact you about any actual or suspected fraud or security threats, we'll use the quickest and most secure way of contacting you (for example, we may try sending you a text message rather than calling you).

## Chapter B – Using your account

### In this chapter, we explain:

- how we confirm we're authorised to take action on your account and the terms that apply to joint accounts;
- what you must do to keep your account secure;
- what happens if a payment is unauthorised or made to the wrong person or account; and
- when we refund Direct Debits and some debit card payments.

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## 6. How we confirm we're authorised to take action on your account

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### How do we check your identity?

- 6.1 We'll assume that we're dealing with you and that we're authorised to provide information about your account, make payments, provide new services, open or close accounts and do other things we're asked to do without further checks if we've checked your identity:
- (a) by seeing some evidence of identity, such as a passport, in one of our branches;
  - (b) by confirming the security details used in connection with a payment device except for some low-value contactless payments;
  - (c) by getting your written signature on paper (including cheques); or
  - (d) by confirming the security details used with telephone, mobile and online banking. In future, we may add other ways of checking we're dealing with you.

## When can someone else operate your account for you?

- 6.2 You can allow another person (a 'third party') to operate your account. If you want to do this, you'll have to sign a document called a third-party mandate.
- 6.3 You can appoint someone to act for you when you are not able to. This person would be your 'attorney' and we'll need to have a legal document called a Power of Attorney before we can allow them to use your account. Ask us if you'd like any more information about making someone your attorney.
- 6.4 Another person may be appointed to act for you if you aren't able to operate your account for any reason (for example, mental incapacity). When we've received the right legal document, we'll allow that person to use your account. Until we receive it, we won't allow you or any other account holder to take money out of your account, close it or convert it from a joint to a sole account.
- 6.5 These conditions will apply to any third party or attorney allowed to use your account. You will be responsible for everything they do even if they cause you to break the agreement.

## What if you're using a service provided by a third-party provider (TPP)?



A TPP is a third party you can use to:

- give you consolidated information on payment accounts held by you with us and other banks; or
- initiate payments on your behalf, on your online payment accounts.

TPPs must be authorised or registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to provide these services.

- (a) You can instruct a TPP to access information on your account and make payments from your account. We will treat any instructions from a TPP as if they are from you.
- (b) You should check from the information it gives you that the TPP you are thinking of using is authorised. We'll have to assume it's you authorising us to give access to information about your accounts if you give your security details to an unauthorised TPP, and you'll be responsible for any payments made as a result. We'll block access to your account if we are aware that an unauthorised TPP is using your security details.
- (c) We may deny TPPs access to your account if we are concerned about unauthorised or fraudulent access by that TPP. Before doing so, we'll tell you we intend to deny access or fraudulent access by that TPP. Before doing so, we'll tell you we intend to deny access and give our reasons for doing so, unless this is not reasonably practicable, in which case we'll tell you immediately afterwards. In either case, we'll tell you in the way we consider most suitable in the circumstances but we won't tell you if doing so would compromise our reasonable security measures or otherwise be unlawful. If we deny access to a TPP, we must also tell our regulator we have done so.
- (d) You must always tell us about unauthorised or incorrect payments even if you use a TPP.

## What additional terms apply to joint accounts?



Depending on the type of account you have, there are limits on the number of account holders you can have on your account.

With joint accounts, each account holder can use the account without the other account holders knowing.

- 6.6 As long as we've checked an account holder's identity, each individual can operate the account without us checking with the other account holders first. For example, each account holder can:
- (a) make payments, including payments by debit card;
  - (b) get information about the account;
  - (c) take all the money out of the account;
  - (d) apply for an overdraft;
  - (e) apply for any other service; and
  - (f) give us, or be given, information about any other account holders.
- 6.7 As joint account holders you are, together and individually, responsible for repaying any money owed to us on the account. This means we can demand repayment from any or all of you, including for transactions you did not know about.

- 6.8 If any joint account holder tells us there's a dispute between any of you, we:
- (a) may block or suspend the account and stop any cheques, but before we're told of the dispute we'll still make payments and provide cash; and
  - (b) will require all of you to agree to any further dealings on the account, so you won't be able to use telephone, mobile or online banking, debit cards or cheques.
- 6.9 If one of you dies, the remaining account holder(s) can continue to operate the account.

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## 7. What must you do to keep your account secure?

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- 7.1 You must act reasonably to prevent misuse of your account, any payment device and your security details. If you don't, we may block access to your account to protect you and us from unauthorised access to your account (including your use of a payment device, telephone, mobile and online banking). We'll also do all we reasonably can to prevent unauthorised access to your account.



Please read the information in the section headed 'Keeping your account secure and your money safe' near the end of this document.

- 7.2 If someone else tries to access your account using a payment device, cheques or security details, you must contact us as soon as possible. We'll ask you to give us information or other help. We may also give, or ask you to give, information to the police to assist with any investigation.
- 7.3 If you find a payment device or cheques after you have reported them lost or stolen or you think someone has used or tried to use them, you must not use them. You must destroy them securely, for example, by shredding.

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## 8. What happens if there's an unauthorised or incorrect payment from your account, or you've made an APP scam payment?

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### Incorrect payments

- 8.1 You must tell us as soon as you can after you notice that a payment you asked us to make has not been sent to the right person or account. If the payment was to an account at another bank in the UK or made in euros via a payment scheme that operates across the UK and the EEA (for example, SEPA) and the payment was not made properly, we'll immediately refund the payment unless:
- (a) there was a mistake in any of the details you gave us for the payment;
  - (b) we can show that the payment was received by the other person's bank; or
  - (c) you tell us more than 13 months after the payment was made, though we may agree to investigate the matter.



### What do we mean by:

#### SEPA?

SEPA stands for the Single Euro Payments Area. It's a payment scheme used for sending money in euro in the UK and the EEA.

#### European Economic Area (EEA)?

This means all member states of the European Union, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Following Brexit, the UK is no longer a member of the EEA.

- 8.2 If a payment goes to the wrong person or is delayed because you gave us the wrong payment details, we won't be liable but, if you ask us, we'll try to recover the payment for you (but we won't refund any charges applied by us in making the payment). We may charge our reasonable costs for doing this but we'll tell you the maximum amount you'll pay first. If we can't recover the payment, you can try and get the money back yourself. You can ask us to help you by writing to us. We'll give you all the information we've been given by the bank that received the payment.

## Unauthorised payments

- 8.3 You must tell us as soon as you notice an unauthorised payment has been made from your account. (An unauthorised payment is a payment made from your account that wasn't authorised by you or someone you've authorised to make payments on your account.)
- 8.4 If your payment device was used remotely (for example, by telephone or online) to make the unauthorised payment for any purchase of most goods or services (but not financial services), we'll refund the amount of the unauthorised payment as soon as we reasonably can, and always before the end of the Business Day after you tell us – unless you've acted fraudulently.



### What do we mean by:

#### Business Day?

A Business Day is usually Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). For example, for some payments our Business Day is all day, every day, but branch opening hours will be the normal Business Day for payments at a branch.

- 8.5 For any other unauthorised payments, we'll also refund the amount of the unauthorised payment as soon as we reasonably can, and always before the end of the Business Day after you tell us, unless any of the following apply:
- (a) you tell us more than 13 months after the payment was made (this doesn't apply to unauthorised payments made using an overdraft);
  - (b) we can prove you acted fraudulently; or



If you've acted fraudulently, you'll be liable for all payments from your account.

- (c) we can prove that the unauthorised payment was made because you acted with gross negligence.



You'll have acted with gross negligence if you've done something with a very significant degree of carelessness - for example, knowingly giving your card and PIN number to someone else.

If you've been grossly negligent, you'll be liable for all payments from your account until you've told us that the payment device or security details have been lost or stolen or that you suspect misuse.

- 8.6 Unless you've acted fraudulently, we're responsible for any unauthorised payments that happen:
- after you've told us that your card or security details have been lost or stolen;
  - if we haven't provided a way for you to tell us that your card or security details have been lost or stolen;
  - if we were supposed to check that you had authorised the payment, but we didn't do so in the way legally required;
  - if someone else uses your card before you receive it.

### Authorised Push Payment (APP) scam payments

- 8.7 You may be entitled to a refund for an APP scam payment if you've made an electronic payment by Faster Payments (which includes standing orders), CHAPS or an internal transfer in sterling to someone else's account in the UK that isn't under your control. This means you won't be entitled to a refund if you've made an international payment, or have made a payment by Direct Debit, debit card, cash or cheque.



### What do we mean when we talk about an 'APP scam'?

An Authorised Push Payment (APP) is a payment you've authorised to be made from your account. An APP scam happens when someone has manipulated, deceived or persuaded you into:

- sending a payment to someone, but that person isn't the person you intended to pay; or
- making a payment to someone for what you thought was one purpose, but it was actually for another purpose.

We call payments that are made as part of an APP scam 'APP scam payments' in these terms.



- 8.8 You must tell us as soon as you notice the APP scam. If you don't tell us within 13 months of the last payment made as part of the APP scam, you won't be entitled to a refund.
- 8.9 We'll look into this and investigate whether you're entitled to a refund. We'll look at all the information we have, including your personal circumstances and everything that happened when the APP scam payment(s) was made.
- 8.10 If you're entitled to a refund, we'll refund you within 5 Business Days after you tell us about the last APP scam payment. That's unless we need more information, in which case you (or any relevant third party) will need to give us enough information for us to make a decision. In that case, we'll give you a final decision no later than 35 Business Days after you reported the APP scam to us. We might also ask you to share, or consent to us sharing, the information with the police or another relevant authority.
- 8.11 We'll refund APP scam payments up to the maximum amount set by the regulator. But we may make you responsible for the first part of your claim (up to the amount allowed by the regulator). This is known as the 'excess amount'. You can find the current maximum amount and current excess amount set by the regulator on our website.
- 8.12 If we find that, as a result of you acting with gross negligence, you haven't taken the steps we expect from you as outlined below, you normally won't get a refund. That's because we'll have expected you to follow these steps and those on our website to protect yourself from fraud. But this depends on your circumstances and whether you should have realised you were being scammed.

### **What can you do to protect yourself from APP scams?**



You should take steps such as these:

- **Pay attention to warnings** that we, or another relevant authority (such as the police), make to you about the risk that a payment you want to make may be part of an APP scam.
- **Tell us as soon as you notice the APP scam** and within 13 months of the last payment made as part of the APP scam.
- **Share information with us** when we make a reasonable and proportionate request for information about the APP scam payment(s).
- **Report the APP scam to the police or other relevant authority** if we ask you to. Or we may ask for your consent for us to report the APP scam to the police or other relevant authority on your behalf.

- 8.13 You won't be entitled to a refund if:
- (a) you're a part of the APP scam;
  - (b) you've acted fraudulently or dishonestly in claiming you've been subject to an APP scam;
  - (c) you've made the APP scam payment(s) in relation to an illegal purpose; or
  - (d) there's a genuine dispute with the person who you paid for goods or services (so an APP scam hasn't actually taken place).
- 8.14 You can find more information on APP scams and the steps you should take to protect yourself from fraud on our website.

### **Refunds for some debit card payments**

- 8.15 When you have used a debit card to make a payment, you can ask us to refund the payment if:
- (a) the payment was made within the UK or was made in euros via a payment scheme that operates across the UK and the EEA (for example, SEPA);
  - (b) you did not agree the actual payment amount;
  - (c) the amount charged to your account was higher than you reasonably expected, taking into account previous spending patterns and the particular facts of the case; and
  - (d) you make the refund request within eight weeks of the date when the payment was charged to your account.

In these cases, we'll investigate your claim and may ask you to provide information we reasonably need to do this.

- 8.16 Within 10 Business Days of receiving your request (or of receiving any more information we've asked for), we'll either refund the payment or inform you of our reasons for refusing the refund.
- 8.17 You are not entitled to a refund if:
- (a) you gave consent directly to us to make the payment; and
  - (b) at least four weeks before the payment was made, you were given information about the transaction by (or it was available from) us or the retailer.

### **Refunds for Direct Debit payments**

- 8.18 The conditions for debit card payment refunds don't apply to payments made by Direct Debit. The terms of the Direct Debit Guarantee apply to refunds for any Direct Debit errors.

### **How much will we refund and can we reverse a refund?**

- 8.19 If we give a refund for any reason, we'll return your account to the position it would have been in if the payment had not taken place. We'll do this by refunding the payment and any interest we charged on it (or by paying any interest we would have paid on it) and any charges. If we provide a refund but later investigation finds you were not entitled to it, we'll return your account to the position it would have been in if we had not made the refund.

## **Chapter C – Payments and giving you information about your accounts**

### **In this chapter, we explain:**

- how money can be paid into and out of your account;
- how soon your money will be available for use after it's been paid in;
- when your payments will reach the payee's bank;
- some special rules about cheques and sending money outside the UK;
- how to cancel or change a payment; and
- how and when you'll receive statements about your account.



### **What do we mean by:**

#### **Cut-off time?**

This is the latest time on any given day that we can process payment instructions. You can ask us for the relevant cut-off time when you give us a payment instruction.

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## **9. Payments into your account**

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### **General**

- 9.1 Payments can be made into your account in sterling by cash, cheque, or electronically by direct transfer from another account. Payments in other currencies can be made by direct transfer, but we don't accept payments in all currencies. Ask us if you want to know whether we accept a particular currency.
- 9.2 We can refuse to accept a payment into your account if it's reasonable to do so, for example if we reasonably believe that accepting it might cause us to breach a legal requirement or expose us to action from any government or regulator.

### **Payments into your account by mistake or fraud**

- 9.3 If we reasonably believe that a payment into your account was made because of fraud, we'll remove the payment or take other steps to make sure the amount of the payment is not available for you to use.
- 9.4 If we reasonably believe a payment was made into your account by mistake, we'll return it to the paying bank unless you can show us it was not made by mistake. We'll take the following steps before returning the payment:
- (a) If you received the payment less than two months before we find out about the mistake, we'll tell you about it and give you 15 Business Days to show us it was not made by mistake. During this period we'll make sure the amount of the payment is not available for you to use (we might do this by taking the amount out of your account or by limiting access to the amount on the account).

- (b) If you received the payment more than two months before we find out about the mistake, we'll contact you before restricting your ability to use the amount of the payment and before we return it to the paying bank.

9.5 We don't need your permission to take the money out of your account.

9.6 It may be that we receive a payment into your account from within the UK or in euros via a payment scheme that operates across the UK and the EEA (for example, SEPA), which the payer says was made by mistake but, when we contact you, you tell us the payment was intended for you. If so, the payer may ask their bank for all relevant information including your name and address and transaction information so the payer can contact you directly. We are legally required to share this information with them if this happens.

9.7 If you don't have enough money in your account when we take a mistaken payment out of it, you won't be liable for any overdraft interest that you would have paid as a result.

9.8 If we mistakenly credit funds to your account, we'll either take the amount out of your account or limit your access to the amount on your account. If this happens, we'll normally tell you before taking action.

### **Payments in (except by cheque)**

9.9 The table below shows:

- (a) how quickly we add these payments to your account after we've received them; and
- (b) when we treat them as part of the amount on your account for working out interest.

<b>Payments in (except cheques)</b>	<b>When you can use them and when they count for working out interest</b>
Cash (during opening hours) <sup>†</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at one of our branches; or</li> <li>• at a Post Office® using your debit or cash card</li> </ul>	Immediately But cash paid in after 4.30pm may not be counted and added to your account until the next day.
Receiving money from outside the UK (in currencies we accept) <sup>††</sup>	Within two hours – must be within the EEA and in an EEA currency. Same day – where either or both the currency and country are outside the EEA. If the payment is received after 3.30pm or on a non-Business Day, it will count for interest on the next Business Day.
All other electronic transfers (including standing orders, Faster Payments and CHAPS)	Immediately If the payment is received after 9pm or on a non-Business Day. It will count for interest on the next Business Day.
Internal transfer from a Co-operative Bank or smile account	Immediately If the payment is received after 9pm or on a non-Business Day, it will count for interest on the next Business Day. Note: we may need a day's notice to make the transaction.

<sup>†</sup> We accept cash payments in sterling only.

<sup>††</sup> If we receive money for your account in a foreign currency, we'll convert it to sterling using the standard rate of exchange and deduct any charges before adding it to your account

### **Cheques paid into your account**

9.10 The table below shows how quickly a cheque will clear after we've received it.

Cheque clearing timings	The payment
Business Day we receive the cheque	Is not yet included in the funds you can use.
One Business Day after we receive the cheque	<p>If we receive confirmation that the paying bank has decided to honour the cheque by 9pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it increases the amount we pay any interest on;</li> <li>• it is included in the funds you can use and cannot be recalled.</li> </ul>



### Cheque timings explained

For example, if you pay a cheque in on a Wednesday, you'll be able to use the funds by 9pm on the Thursday, as long as we have received confirmation that the paying bank has decided to honour the cheque by 9pm on that day (day 2). The funds cannot be recalled after this point.

- 9.11 If the paying bank has taken the decision to not honour the cheque, we'll send you a letter explaining why.
- 9.12 If you pay in a cheque at a Post Office®, it will normally take two Business Days for us to receive it. The above timings will begin when we receive the cheque.

## 10. Making payments from your account

### How we decide whether to make a payment

- 10.1 You can withdraw cash and make payments without charge, except for sending money outside the UK and CHAPS payments where we may charge a fee. There may be a charge for using cash machines that we don't operate.
- 10.2 We'll make a payment from your account (including a payment initiated by a TPP) if you ask us to unless:
- you don't have enough money in your account. If we are unable to take money from your account to cover cheque payments (because of insufficient funds) on the first attempt on the day the cheque has been presented for payment, we may try again multiple times;
  - we know that the account details or reference details you give us are incorrect;
  - you've asked us to make the payment by Faster Payments and the recipient's bank does not accept them;
  - you are seriously or repeatedly in breach of these conditions;
  - you've not provided any extra identification or information that we've reasonably asked for;
  - the payment exceeds a particular amount;
  - we suspect fraudulent or criminal activity;
  - there has been, or we suspect, a breach of security or misuse of your account, security details or a payment device; or
  - we reasonably believe that doing so would cause us to breach our legal or regulatory obligations.
- 10.3 If you've asked us to make a payment on a certain date, and there isn't enough money in your account to make the payment at the start of the day, we may also check whether there's enough money in your account to make the payment by:
- 2pm for cheque payments; and
  - 4.30pm for all other scheduled electronic payments.
- 10.4 If we refuse to make a payment, we'll let you know why as soon as we reasonably can, unless the law or any regulation prevents us doing so. If we're not able to tell you in advance, we'll contact you as soon as possible afterwards (and at the latest by the end of the day on which the payment should have been received). You can always call us straight away to ask us why we've refused a payment and what you need to do to correct any errors that made us refuse it – unless we're prevented from telling you this by any law or regulation or for fraud prevention or security reasons.

- 10.5 We can block or suspend your use of any payment device (and related services such as telephone, mobile and online banking), or an instruction from a TPP, if we reasonably believe it's necessary because of:
- (a) a significantly increased risk that you may be unable to pay any money you owe us on the relevant account – for example, if you have gone over an arranged overdraft limit;
  - (b) suspected fraudulent or criminal use of the payment device; or
  - (c) security concerns, for example, if we know or suspect that your payment device or security details (or both) have been misused.
- 10.6 If we block or suspend the use of a payment device, we'll let you know why as soon as we reasonably can, unless the law or any regulation prevents us doing so or if we believe doing so would compromise reasonable security measures. We'll unblock the payment device (or issue a replacement) when the reason for blocking it ends.
- 10.7 If you are using a payment device (such as a debit card) to make a payment or withdraw cash, then the retailer or organisation that owns the cash machine will tell you the payment or withdrawal has been refused. For certain contactless transactions, it may not be possible to confirm at the point the debit card is used that the transaction has been refused.
- 10.8 You can call us as soon as you become aware that a payment has been refused. If appropriate, we'll tell you how to correct any errors that led to our refusal.

### **Delaying payments**

- 10.9 We can delay a payment that you've requested to be made from your account if we have reasonable grounds to suspect you're sending an APP scam payment. If we delay a payment for this reason, it's because we need time to contact you or a relevant third party to check whether we should make the payment.
- 10.10 We'll let you know as soon as possible if we delay a payment, and no later than the end of the next Business Day. We'll also let you know about the reasons for the delay – and we'll inform you of any information we need, or action you need to take, to help us decide whether to make the payment. We'll do this by text message, email, or through online and mobile banking (if you're registered). That's unless the law or any regulation prevents us doing so.
- 10.11 We won't delay the payment any longer than necessary, and no later than the end of the fourth Business Day after we received your request. After that, we'll either make the payment or refuse to make it. For example, if you make a payment on Monday, we'll let you know by the end of Tuesday that we've delayed it. And we'll either make the payment or refuse to make it by the end of Friday. But we won't delay the payment beyond the next Business Day after we received your request if we can't establish we have reasonable grounds to suspect you're sending an APP scam payment.
- 10.12 If we've delayed a payment, we'll be responsible for any charges and interest you would have been responsible for as a direct result of that delay. This applies whether we decide to make the payment or refuse to make it.

### **Cash withdrawals**

- 10.13 You can withdraw cash at branches, or, if we've given you a payment device, by using a cash machine. There's a daily limit on the amount of cash you can take from a cash machine.

Our daily maximum withdrawal limits can be found on our website [smile.co.uk](https://www.smile.co.uk) or you can contact us.

### **Payments (except by debit card or cheque)**

- 10.14 To make a payment from your account in one of the ways set out in the table below, you will need to give us details of the account to which you want to make the payment. This is usually the sort code and account number (or the equivalent information for sending money outside the UK) and the name of the person you're making the payment to. It's your responsibility to check that the details are correct before asking us to make a payment.
- 10.15 The table below shows how long payments take to reach the payee's bank after we've received your request to make the payment and taken the money from your account.



If we don't receive a payment request before the cut-off time on a Business Day, we'll treat your request as received on the next Business Day. The timings set out in the box below will begin then. In some instances, we'll process payment requests using Faster Payments over the weekend but the date of the debit on your account will show as the next Business Day.

Payment type	Cut-off	When the payment will reach the payee
Internal transfer between accounts held with The Co-operative Bank or smile	N/A	Immediately. Note: we may need a day's notice to make the transaction.
Standing order Direct Debit	N/A	On the agreed date for payment.
Faster Payments	N/A	Immediately.
CHAPS	4.30pm	Guaranteed same day.
Sending money in euro to any EEA country	2.30pm	The next Business Day.
Sending money in euro by TARGET2 (a particular payment system covering euro payments)	2pm	Same day.
Sending money to accounts within the UK and EEA in EEA currencies and sterling (other than euro)	2.30pm	By the end of the fourth Business Day after you tell us to make the payment.
Sending money to accounts outside the UK and EEA in any currency	2.30pm	Usually up to four Business Days. But this might take longer depending on the country you're sending the money to.

If you want to send money in a non-EEA and non-sterling currency, please ask us.

- 10.16 Most payments will reach the payee within the timescales in the table above. But sometimes they may take longer to allow us to carry out enhanced checks where required.



If you ask us to make a payment on a future date, we'll make the payment on that date, unless it is a non-Business Day, in which case we'll make the payment on the next Business Day. If you want to make regular payments by Direct Debit or standing order, you must set them up in advance.

Most payments will reach their destinations within the times in the table above. Sometimes it may take longer to allow us to complete our checks.

- 10.17 It may be that a payment you make to an account in the UK or a payment in euros via a payment scheme that operates across the UK and the EEA (for example, SEPA) doesn't arrive when it should have (normally the Business Day after we send the payment from your account). If so, you can ask us to contact the receiving bank and ask them to treat the payment as if it had been made on time.
- 10.18 If you want to make a payment in a foreign currency, we'll first convert the amount to be paid into the currency you tell us. The rate we use will be:
- the standard rate of exchange (if you ask us the exchange rate before we make the payment, the rate we actually use may be different if the exchange rate has changed); or
  - a fixed exchange rate we agree with you. If we agree a fixed exchange rate, you must make sure there is available money in your account 48 hours before the payment is due to be made.
- 10.19 If you decide to cancel your request to send money outside the UK during the 48 hours before the payment is due to be made, please tell us as soon as possible. If we have agreed a rate of exchange to sell the currency to you, we'll reverse the transaction using our rate of exchange at the time of cancellation. If the exchange rate is different, reversing the transaction may result in us paying more into, or taking more from, your account.



- There are some types of payment we don't make in other currencies. Ask us if you want to know which currencies we can make payments in.
- You will not be able to pay the charges for the recipient for any payment within the UK.

## Payments by cheque

- 10.20 To make a payment by cheque you need to write the name of the payee, the amount of the payment (in numbers and words) and the date, and you must sign it. If you want to cancel a cheque, you must tell us these details and your account and cheque number. Otherwise, we'll pay all cheques even if they have a future date.
- 10.21 If we receive one of your cheques for payment and it is more than six months old, we may pay it but we don't have to. If you want to be sure that a cheque won't be paid, you must cancel it before we pay it.

## Payments by debit card

- 10.22 If you use your debit card to withdraw cash or to make a payment, we'll take the funds from your account after we receive confirmed details of the withdrawal or payment from the relevant payment scheme, such as Visa. This may be on a Business or a non-Business Day.
- 10.23 If you use your debit card for a transaction (e.g. a cash withdrawal or a payment) in a foreign currency, it will be converted into sterling on the day Visa processes it using the Visa scheme exchange rate, which is available at [smile.co.uk/travel](https://smile.co.uk/travel). We also apply charges to these transactions. You can find our charges in the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account. You can find out the current Visa scheme exchange rate by calling us.
- 10.24 After reviewing your personal circumstances, we may replace your debit card with a different type of debit card available under this agreement. We'll tell you about the features of the debit card when we send you the replacement.
- 10.25 If you use your debit card to make a payment, the retailer is paid when it processes the payment at point of sale.

## Other payments from your account

- 10.26 We may be required by law to make payments to a third party (e.g. under a Child Maintenance Agency deduction order) or take other action regarding your account (e.g. freezing funds). If this happens, we'll tell you unless we are prevented from doing so – for example, if it is forbidden by law or regulation.

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## 11. Cancelling or changing payments (except cheques)

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- 11.1 You can ask us to change or cancel a payment that you've asked us to make in the future but not one that you've asked us to make immediately (including debit card payments).
- 11.2 You can cancel a Direct Debit, standing order, regular card payment or any other future-dated payment (such as a bill) by calling us or using online or mobile banking. The table below sets out when you need to do this by:

	Call us	Online or mobile banking
Direct Debit	Up to 6pm on the date the Direct Debit is due to be made.	By 7pm on the Business Day before we're due to make the payment
Standing order	By 6pm on the Business Day before we're due to make the payment.	By 9pm on the Business Day before we're due to make the payment.
Regular card payment		By 6pm on the Business Day before we're due to make the payment (by secure message via online banking only).
Any other future-dated payment (such as a bill)		By 9pm on the Business Day before we're due to make the payment. <b>You'll need the payment reference to do this.</b>

- 11.3 If you do cancel a Direct Debit, standing order or regular debit card payment, you should also tell the organisation or retailer that collects the payment so they can cancel or change it as well.
- 11.4 If you cancel a regular debit card payment, in certain circumstances we may not be able to stop any subsequent payments coming out of your account. If this happens, we'll treat the payment as unauthorised and give you an immediate refund.

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## 12. Statements and payment information

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- 12.1 We'll provide regular statements if there are payments out of the account, and you can view information we provide about each payment on online and mobile banking at any time. You can also ask us for this information at any time through online and mobile banking. If you're not registered for online or mobile banking and don't want to ask us for information when you need it, we'll send a statement for each month that you've made payments out of your account.
- 12.2 The information will show the balance on your account, details to enable you to identify each transaction, the date and amount of the transaction, details of the sender/recipient of a transaction, a reference for the transaction and any charges.
- 12.3 You must check this information and tell us as soon as possible if there's a payment in or out of your account you don't recognise.
- 12.4 You can contact us for more information about any transaction on your account.

### Chapter D – Overdrafts and paying for our services

#### In this chapter, we explain:

- the different overdraft services available, how you can access them and what it means for you if you use these services; and
- that interest and charges payable are all set out in the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account.

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## 13. Overdrafts

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### What do we mean by:

#### **Arranged overdraft?**

This is an overdraft we agree in advance. We'll confirm the terms of your overdraft in writing.

#### **Unarranged overdraft?**

This is agreed when we allow a payment or take an amount out of your account despite there being a lack of funds in your account (or under an arranged overdraft) to cover the payment in full. We charge interest on an unarranged overdraft.

- 13.1 If we agree, you can borrow from us using an arranged or unarranged overdraft.
- 13.2 Overdrafts are repayable on demand, which means you must repay any overdraft when we ask you. We'll usually give you advance warning that your overdraft must be repaid or its limit reduced, but we may ask for repayment without notice.
- 13.3 If you ask, we may convert an unarranged overdraft into an arranged overdraft.
- 13.4 Overdrafts are only for short-term borrowing. You should regularly pay into your account to reduce the amount you owe. Your account must be returned to credit or within any arranged overdraft limit as soon as possible.
- 13.5 We regard an unarranged overdraft that you do not repay as soon as possible as a serious breach of these terms and conditions. It may result in us deciding to close your account.



## 14. Interest and charges

- 14.1 We may require you to pay interest and charges in certain circumstances.
- 14.2 The interest rates payable by you and charges that apply to the current account and related services are set out in the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account. You can also find out our interest rates and charges by sending us a secure message.
- 14.3 We apply caps to overdrafts in certain circumstances.



### Monthly cap on overdraft charges

#### **The monthly cap on unarranged overdraft charges for your current account is £60.**

- 1 Each current account will set a monthly maximum charge for:
  - (a) going overdrawn when you have not arranged an overdraft; or
  - (b) going over/past your arranged overdraft limit (if you have one).
- 2 This cap covers any:
  - (a) interest and fees for going over/past your arranged overdraft limit;
  - (b) fees for each payment your bank allows despite lack of funds; and
  - (c) fees for each payment your bank refuses due to lack of funds.

This is a standard definition of the monthly cap on unarranged overdraft charges that all banks are required to use. The monthly cap refers to the interest applied in a charging period, not a calendar month. Please note that we don't actually charge fees for allowing or refusing a payment when you have a lack of funds.

#### **Overdraft charges cap**

We will not charge you more than £60 of debit interest in one charging period. This means that whatever type of overdraft you use (arranged or unarranged or both), the maximum you will pay per charging period will be £60.

If you are using both an arranged and an unarranged overdraft, we will apply unarranged overdraft interest first up to the £60 cap followed by arranged overdraft interest. Once the £60 cap is reached, we will waive any further interest for that charging period.

See the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account for more details.

- 14.4 If you withdraw cash in a foreign currency, we'll convert it into sterling before debiting it from your account. The conversion will take place on the day Visa processes it using the Visa scheme exchange rate, which is available at [smile.co.uk/travel](https://smile.co.uk/travel). Exchange rates vary daily, so the rate may differ from what it was when the transaction took place.

#### **How we calculate interest**

- 14.5 We'll calculate any interest on the daily balance of your account. Unless we tell you otherwise, we'll:
- (a) pay interest into your account once a year on 5 April or the Business Day before 5 April; and
  - (b) charge interest on the 21st day of each month or the next Business Day.

#### **Credit interest**

- 14.6 If we add credit interest to your account, we'll pay it without deducting income tax. If you earn more interest than the amount permitted as tax-free income, you'll have to pay tax on the interest directly to HMRC. If you're not sure whether you'll have to pay income tax, we recommend you seek separate professional advice about this or call HMRC or visit its website.

#### **Debit interest**

- 14.7 We may take any debit interest and charges you owe us from the same account or from any other account you have with us. We'll tell you personally about overdraft interest you have to pay at least 14 days before we take it from your account. We'll also tell you the date this will happen. We add interest to your account balance each month and we charge interest on the debit balance on a daily basis.

## Chapter E – Changing these terms and ending this agreement

### In this chapter, we explain:

- how and when we can make changes to your agreement, including these terms, the rates, the charges, and any other terms set out in the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account and any additional terms;
- how we'll tell you about any changes we're making, and what you can do if you don't agree with them;
- how you or we can end this agreement;
- what happens to account services and benefits if your account is closed; and
- how your account can be converted to another type of account.



- This agreement will continue until either you or we end it. It is not for a fixed or minimum period. This is why we need to be able to make changes to the agreement for the reasons set out below or for reasons we cannot predict now, as long as it is fair for us to make a change if those reasons apply.
- We may also need to make a change without giving a particular reason but, if we do this, we'll always tell you in advance and explain how the change will affect you. You'll be able to end the agreement without cost if you don't want to accept the change.

## 15. Changes

### When we can make changes

- 15.1 Because our agreement with you could last a long time, from time to time we may need to make changes to it. We might need to make the following changes, for example:
- (a) increase or decrease interest rates we pay you or you pay us;
  - (b) increase or decrease existing charges, or introduce new ones; or
  - (c) change any other terms (including the availability of account services).
- 15.2 We might need to make these changes:
- (a) to take account of an actual, or reasonably expected, change in the interest rates we have to pay, for example because of a change to the Bank of England base rate;  
(Example: the Bank of England base rate could increase or decrease. This could have affect the interest rates we pay you and you pay us, which might result in us increasing or decreasing our interest rates.)
  - (b) to reflect an actual, or reasonably expected, change in:
    - (i) our underlying costs; or  
(‘Costs’ can include costs of funding or technology, employment, building, or administrative costs.  
Example: if our operational costs increase, we may need to distribute a proportion of the increased costs across our customer base.)
    - (ii) law or regulation, codes of practice or industry guidance that applies to us, a ruling of a court, ombudsman or similar body or undertaking given to a regulator; or  
(Example: the Financial Ombudsman could make a ruling in relation to a particular customer which affects our other customers. This might mean we need to change our terms and conditions to reflect this.)
    - (iii) our way of doing business, including the introduction of new technology; (Example: to reflect changes in digital banking.)
- 15.3 Any change we make will be reasonably proportionate to the impact of the underlying change on us. We won't make changes to cover the same cost twice.
- 15.4 If we're making a change that will benefit you, we don't need to give you a reason for making that change.

- 15.5 We can't predict everything that will happen over the period of time you hold your account with us, so we may also need to make changes to our interest rates, charges or any other terms without a particular reason. You'll be able to end this agreement without extra cost if you don't want to accept the change. We can change the standard exchange rates we use at any time.

### **How we can make changes**

- 15.6 If we increase the interest rates we pay you on the current account, or decrease the interest rates you pay on unarranged overdrafts, then:
- (a) the new rate will apply immediately; and
  - (b) within the next 30 days we'll tell you about the change on our website, by branch notices, national press advertisements, statement messages or inserts, by writing to you (this can include email), or by any combination of these methods.
- 15.7 We'll give you at least two months' notice before we make any other changes.
- 15.8 The new terms will apply to your account automatically at the end of the notice period. If you don't want to agree to the change, you can switch your account or close it without paying any extra charges or interest, at any time until the change takes effect. If you don't switch or close your account, we'll assume you've accepted the change.



Remember, you can close your account at any time without any extra charge.

### **Changes to additional benefits provided as part of a packaged account**



#### **What do we mean by packaged account?**

This is an account that has additional benefits for which you pay a monthly subscription fee, for example the smilemore account.

- 15.9 We may also change the services and benefits included in any packaged account and the provider of any service or benefit. If we do so, we'll give you two months' advance notice and you can close your account if you don't want to accept the change. A third party can change the terms of any service or benefit they provide. The notice period they give you will be set out in the terms and conditions of the service or benefit.

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## **16. Ending services and closing your account**

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### **Converting your account**

- 16.1 If you have a packaged account:
- (a) you can ask us, at any time, to convert it to a current account that doesn't have a fee.
  - (b) we can change this to a current account that doesn't have a fee if we reasonably believe that this would be appropriate for you. But we'll only do this in the circumstances below:
    - (i) We're withdrawing that particular type of account, or it's no longer on sale.
    - (ii) You're no longer eligible for the packaged account.
    - (iii) We reasonably believe your packaged account is no longer appropriate for you (for example, you're paying for a packaged account that you rarely or no longer use).
- 16.2 If we convert your account, we'll tell you at least two months before the change takes effect.

### **Closing your account by giving notice**

- 16.3 You can end this agreement and close your account at any time by telling us.
- 16.4 At any time, we may end this agreement, close your account and stop all account services (including payment devices, telephone, mobile and online banking services), by giving you at least two months' notice in writing. For example, we may do this if you're no longer eligible for an account or service or if your account becomes inactive.
- 16.5 Any benefits or services linked to your account will stop on the date we close your account, unless we tell you they'll end earlier.

## **Immediate closure of your account**

- 16.6 We may end this agreement and close your account immediately, without notice, and stop all account services if:
- (a) you die; or
  - (b) we reasonably decide that:
    - (i) you are seriously or repeatedly in breach of these terms and conditions;
    - (ii) you or any other authorised signatory or joint account holder are, or are likely to become, bankrupt, insolvent, or enter into an Individual Voluntary Arrangement or equivalent in the jurisdiction where your address is after you open an account; or
    - (iii) you or anyone else take action that is, or could directly result in, a formal step being taken for bankruptcy, or similar proceedings against you or any of your assets;
    - (iv) you enter into or propose any composition, voluntary arrangement or scheme of arrangement with your creditors;
    - (v) you or any other authorised signatory or joint account holder on the account:
      - have carried out or tried to carry out fraudulent or illegal activity on the account or any other service we operate, or we have reason to think you or they may do so in the future;
      - have caused or may cause us to breach any law, regulation, code of practice or other duty that applies to us as a bank;
      - have behaved improperly towards us or anyone providing services to us (for example, threatening, abusing or harassing a member of staff);
      - have given false or materially incomplete information when applying to open the account or to use any service, or at any other time; or
      - have allowed a person who is not an authorised signatory to use the account or any other service we provide.

## **What happens when you or we close your account?**

- 16.7 When you or we close your account we'll pay you any money in your account less any fees, charges or other amounts you owe us. Any overdraft balance on your account will become immediately due and payable on our written demand. Until you pay us, the terms of this agreement will continue to apply and we'll continue to apply interest and charges until the date the account is closed.
- 16.8 Any payment devices or other devices we have given you (such as debit cards) belong to us. You must return them to us when this agreement ends.
- 16.9 If you have a packaged account that you close or convert to another current account part way through the month, you'll receive a full refund of that month's fee.

## **Death of an account holder**

- 16.10 If a sole account holder dies, we may require a grant of probate or letters of administration before releasing any money in your account to the executors or personal representatives.

## **What happens if you stop using your account or debit card?**

- 16.11 If you don't make any payments and there is no other activity on your account (except on a linked savings account) for six months, we may treat your account as inactive. This means we'll stop sending statements and letters about your account. Once we have treated your account as inactive, you won't be able to access any funds you may have had in the account until you've contacted us. We also won't re-issue any debit card associated with your account. Please call us for further advice. At that stage you'll need to satisfy our standard security requirements.
- 16.12 Your debit card will not be automatically re-issued where there is no activity on it for six months in a row before the card's expiry date. You should contact us if you want your debit card to be re-issued.

## Chapter F – What happens if something goes wrong?

### In this chapter, we explain:

- when we won't be liable to you for losses you suffer;
- how we can use money we hold in other accounts you have with us to reduce amounts you owe us (known as our right of set-off); and
- what to do if you have a complaint.

## 17. Liability for losses

- 17.1 We won't be responsible for any losses you may suffer if we cannot perform our obligations under this agreement because of:
- (a) any legal or regulatory requirements;
  - (b) the failure or lack of availability of any benefit associated with a packaged account; or
  - (c) abnormal or unforeseeable circumstances which are outside our (or our agents' and/or subcontractors') control – such as industrial action or mechanical failure – and which we could not have avoided despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

## 18. Set-off

- 18.1 If you have money in one of your accounts, we may set it off against any amount you owe us that is due for payment, so that it reduces or repays the amount you owe us. We'll do this if we think it is reasonable, taking into account your circumstances. We'll ensure you still have enough money to meet essential living expenses. We'll also take note of any regulatory requirements.



- 'we' and 'us', for these purposes, includes our Co-operative Bank and smile brands.
- Amounts owed to us and due for payment include, for example, amounts owed under a loan, credit card, mortgage or overdraft.

- 18.2 We can use our set-off right if you have accounts that are only in your name as well as joint accounts you hold with another person (X) as shown below:

Money in account for:	Set-off against money owed by:
You only	You
You only	You and X
You and X	You and X
You and X	X
You and X	You

- 18.3 We can use money in your account even if there is a court decision against you or you are fined (including interest arising after the date of the final decision or fine), unless the court instructs us otherwise, or we are otherwise prevented by law.
- 18.4 Occasionally we receive legal instructions or notices to hold a customer's money for someone else, or to pay it to someone else. If this happens, the money we hold for the other person will be what is left after we have used our right of set-off, including any interest arising after the legal instruction or notice (unless we decide otherwise or we are prevented by law or regulation).
- 18.5 To let you know the date and details of the action we'll take, we'll write to you 14 days before we make any set-off between your accounts.
- 18.6 If we use money from an interest-bearing account, we'll apply interest to the money in that account until the set-off date. After the set-off date, interest will only be payable on any credit balance remaining in your accounts. We won't use balances on any Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs), children's savings or fixed-term deposit accounts before maturity to set off amounts you owe.

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## 19. Complaints

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- 19.1 If you have a complaint, please contact us using the details at the front of this document. We'll always do everything we can to resolve your complaint straight away. Where this isn't possible, we'll keep you informed of our progress until your complaint has been resolved.
- 19.2 If you are still unhappy with our response, you may be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange, London E14 9SR or telephone 0800 023 4567\* or email [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk). For more information visit: [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). The Financial Ombudsman Service is a free service set up to help resolve individual disputes between customers and businesses providing financial services in the UK.
- 19.3 If you think we've failed to meet our legal requirements under the Payment Services Regulations (PSRs), you can complain to the FCA using the contact details on its main contact page: [www.fca.org.uk/contact](http://www.fca.org.uk/contact). The PSRs require us to provide you with appropriate information about your transactions and consider complaints in a timely manner, among other things. For more information, visit: [www.fca.org.uk/consumers/how-complain/submit-information-payment-services-e-money-firm](http://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/how-complain/submit-information-payment-services-e-money-firm)

### Chapter G – Other important information

#### **In this chapter we explain other important information about this agreement, including:**

- your right to withdraw from this agreement within the first 14 days;
- important tax information;
- what happens if your account becomes dormant; and
- some recommended security precautions.

#### **Use of your data**

You explicitly consent to us accessing, processing, and retaining any information you give us for the purposes of providing payment services to you. This does not affect any rights and obligations you or we have under data protection legislation. You may withdraw this consent by closing your account. If you do this, we'll stop using your data for this purpose but may continue to process your data for other purposes.

#### **Depositor protection**

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), which would pay compensation to eligible depositors if the bank became insolvent. Further information can be found on the FSCS website.

#### **Communication**

As required by law, any terms and conditions of your account and all information, statements and notifications will be in English. We'll communicate with you only in English.

#### **Copy of the agreement**

If you ask us at any time during the life of this agreement, we'll give you a copy of this document, the Account Charges Leaflet relevant to your account and any additional terms.

#### **Tax**

You may be responsible for taxes or costs that are not paid by or via us, e.g. income tax.

#### **Telling us of changes**

You must tell us within 30 days of any change to the information that you gave us about your tax residence and whether you are a US citizen. You may have given us this information when you opened your account or when we wrote to you about this.

## **Cancellation**

You have a right to cancel and close your account without giving any reason within 14 calendar days from either the date the account is opened or the date you received your welcome letter, text message, or email to tell you we've opened it if that is later.

You can do this by calling us on 03457 212 212\* or writing to us at The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., PO Box 4931, Swindon, SN4 4PL, or in a Co-operative Bank branch.

When you cancel your account:

- we'll pay to you any money credited to your account within 30 calendar days of cancellation;
- you must repay any money owed to us for any other services you have incurred; and
- you must repay any money owed to us including payments we've had to pay after cancellation.

## **Dormant balances**

We participate in the unclaimed assets scheme established under the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008. This enables money in dormant accounts (i.e. accounts that have been inactive for 15 years or more) to be distributed for the community's benefit while still allowing customers to reclaim their money.

Under the scheme, we may transfer balances of dormant accounts to Reclaim Fund Ltd (RFL), a not-for-profit reclaim fund authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

If we transfer the balance of your account to RFL, you remain the owner of the funds and can reclaim your balance at any time on providing satisfactory proof of ownership. You should continue to contact us (not RFL) in the usual way if you have any queries or complaints about dormant accounts or balances.

Both we and RFL participate in the FSCS. Any transfer by us to RFL of your balance won't adversely affect any entitlement you have to compensation from the FSCS.

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## **Keeping your account secure and your money safe**

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Our terms and conditions require you to take reasonable security precautions to keep your security details safe. Reasonable security precautions can include steps such as:

- signing your debit card as soon as you are able, once you receive it;
- destroying the PIN advice slip safely, e.g. by shredding;
- keeping safe your security details and your debit card or any other type of payment device (such as a smart phone or electronic wallet that you can use to access your account or make payments, either on its own or in combination with your security details). As a reminder, security details can include a password, verification code, security code, PIN or, if available, biometric data such as a fingerprint;
- not allowing anyone else (including a joint account holder) to use any payment device or security details (except a third-party provider (TPP), if necessary);
- making sure that only biometric information (such as your fingerprint when using Touch ID) relating to you is registered on any devices you use to access online or mobile banking;
- never telling anyone or writing down your security details in a way that could be understood by someone else. We'll never contact you and ask you for these;
- not choosing a PIN or other security details that may be easy to guess, such as your date of birth;
- taking care when using your debit card or any other payment device and security details so that they are not seen or heard by anyone else;
- keeping receipts and statements safe and destroying them safely, e.g. by shredding;
- complying with all reasonable instructions we issue to do with keeping your payment device and security details safe;

- telling us as soon as possible of a change of name, address or other contact details so that correspondence or replacement debit cards do not fall into the wrong hands; and
- use caution if accessing online or mobile banking through public WiFi.

### **Additional security precautions for online banking**

When you are using online banking, we recommend that as well as the above steps, you:

- buy and keep updated anti-virus, firewall and any other security software;
- don't access your account from a computer in a public place;
- take care when logging out – for example we recommend that you log off securely by using the exit link on screen and, if you are disconnected during an online banking session, that you log back in and then log off correctly;
- don't open emails from unknown sources; and
- don't send any account details to us unless the message is encrypted.

You can find more details about protecting your account by visiting the 'Security and Fraud' section at [smile.co.uk/global/security](https://smile.co.uk/global/security)

**Please call 03457 212 212\* (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday) if you would like to receive this information in an alternative format such as large print, audio or Braille.**

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