

# The **co-operative** bank

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## Your guide to the charges and interest rates you can expect on your

# Current Account Plus (incorporating Savings Plus)

There are no charges for normal banking services as long as you do not go overdrawn. However, we do make a charge for certain other services including overdraft services.

We can vary or amend these charges or interest rates at any time but will notify customers that we are doing so in accordance with account terms and conditions. Confirmation of current interest rates can be obtained from any branch or by ringing telephone banking on 08457 212 212 or online at [co-operativebank.co.uk](http://co-operativebank.co.uk)

The services, charges and rates detailed are effective from 7th March 2011.

## Overdraft services

You can request an overdraft or an increase to an existing overdraft either formally or informally.

**Formally** – you can request our overdraft services in advance and if we agree to your request we will tell you your overdraft limit and confirm the terms of the overdraft in writing.

**Informally** – if you have not formally requested our overdraft services as above, you may still request our overdraft services by undertaking a payment or withdrawal from your account, even though no overdraft limit has been agreed or where the payment or withdrawal would cause you to exceed any agreed overdraft limit.

If you request an overdraft informally in this way then we will limit the amount of related charges you could incur in two ways:

**Waiver: helping with infrequent charges.**

If you maintain your account in credit (or within any agreed overdraft limit) for a year then we won't charge you if you then request an informal overdraft, providing that your account is returned to credit (or inside an agreed overdraft limit) within six working days.

**Quarterly Cap: putting an upper limit on charges.**

We have placed a limit of £150 per quarter on charges relating to informally requested overdrafts.

**Financial Difficulties**

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties and can't keep up with bill payments or your income falls we would recommend that you contact us as early as possible. We will be happy to discuss your needs and to help you understand what options might be available to you. You can get further information by calling 0800 028 8696 or visit one of our branches for a free financial health check.

**Overdraft services****Free overdraft service – charge free zone**

You can go overdrawn up to £200 at any time in a month without incurring charges.

<b>Debit interest rate</b>		<b>1.24% per month 15.9% EAR*</b>
<b>Formal overdraft service charge</b>	When we have agreed or renewed, or we or you have requested a change to a formal limit above £200 in advance	<b>£20</b>
<b>Informal overdraft service charges</b>	<b>Monthly service charge</b> When you have overdrawn or have exceeded an existing overdraft limit without having agreed with us in advance you will incur a monthly service charge.	<b>£20</b>
	<b>Daily service charge</b> Each subsequent day your informal overdraft increases you will incur a daily service charge.	<b>£20</b>
<b>Unpaid items</b>	This charge may be applied if cheques, standing orders or Direct Debits cannot be paid due to lack of funds.	<b>£15</b>
<b>Waiver</b>	We will not charge you any informal overdraft service charges or unpaid item charges for informal overdrafts that last six consecutive working days or less (or for any informal overdraft request that we do not agree) providing that you had not requested an informal overdraft in the previous 366 days.	
<b>Quarterly Cap</b>	We will not charge you more than a total of £150 of informal overdraft service charges and unpaid item charges per quarter (a quarter being a group of three charging periods starting in January, April, July or October). If we agree to refund any previously charged informal overdraft service charges or unpaid item charges during a given quarter then the £150 will increase by the amount of those refunded charges..	
<b>Charging period</b>	The charging period used for interest, commission and charges is 5th of month one to 4th of month two. Please note the dates may vary when they do not fall on working days.	

**Foreign transaction services**

<b>Cash withdrawals</b>	At VISA or PLUS dispensers or over the counter at a bank (excluding branches of The Co-operative bank), displaying the VISA sign. This includes the purchase of foreign currency or travellers' cheques made with the card.	<b>2% of the value of the withdrawal or £2</b> (whichever is the greater)
<b>Foreign transaction fee</b>	Applied to any debit or credit card transaction in a currency other than Sterling.	<b>2.75% of the value of the transaction</b>
<b>Overseas remittances</b>	Normal rate transfers and drafts in sterling or foreign currency. Urgent rate transfers in sterling or foreign currency. Structured payments.	<b>0.25%, min £13, max £35<sup>1</sup></b> <b>0.25%, min £17, max £35<sup>1</sup></b> <b>£8</b>
<b>Foreign currency banknotes</b>	Sales. Purchases.	<b>Free<sup>a</sup></b> <b>1.25%, min £4</b> (per individual currency transaction)
<b>Issue of travellers' cheques</b>	Foreign currency cheques.	<b>Free<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Bills and cheques</b>	Cheques negotiated with recourse. (£1-£99) (£100+)  Cheques for collection. Cheques returned unpaid.	<b>£4</b> <b>0.25%</b> (min £8, max £60) <b>0.25%</b> (min £15, max £60) <b>£10<sup>1</sup></b>

**Other services**

<b>Stopped cheques</b>	When you instruct us that a cheque you have issued (without using your cheque guarantee facility) should not be paid.	<b>£10</b>
<b>Special presentation</b>	So that you can be certain that payment of a cheque you have received, e.g. when selling your car, is assured before you release the goods.	<b>£10</b>
<b>Copy statement</b>	For each additional copy requested.	<b>£5</b> (per statement)
<b>Copy cheque</b>		<b>£5</b> (per cheque)
<b>Frequent statements</b>	At intervals of less than one per month.	<b>£0.50</b> (per statement)
<b>List of standing orders and direct debits</b>		<b>£8</b>
<b>Banker's cheque</b>	To assure payment when buying goods such as a car by cheque.	<b>£10</b>
<b>Transfer via CHAPS</b>		<b>£25</b>
<b>Other charges</b>	There may be occasions when we will make other charges to the account. These will be notified to you at the time.	

\*EAR = Equivalent Annual Rate for overdrawn balances. <sup>1</sup>Plus postage, transmission and agent's charges where applicable.

<sup>a</sup>Home delivery service is available and will be charged at cost.

## Savings Plus

Interest rates effective from 11th March 2009.

Savings Plus	Gross %	AER* %	Net** %
£1+	0.50	0.50	0.40

Interest rates guaranteed to track 0.5% below the Bank of England Base Rate. Current Bank of England Base Rate 0.50%.

If you convert your Current Account Plus to a standard Current account, a lower rate of interest will be paid on the savings account (see table below):

Linked Savings	Gross %	AER* %	Net** %
£1+	0.25	0.25	0.20

The credit interest rate on our Savings Plus accounts was designed to track the Bank of England base rate. However, following the reductions which have taken the base rate to its lowest ever level, we have not reduced the rates on these savings accounts by the full percentages at this time.

Interest rates may vary and are correct at time of going to print 03/2011.

Withdrawals by cheque from your Savings Plus or Linked Savings will be subject to a £5 charge (per cheque).

\*AER = Annual Equivalent Rate – a notional rate calculated as if the contractual gross rate were paid and compounded on an annual basis. Interest is paid gross (i.e. rate payable before deduction of any applicable tax) and it remains the customer's responsibility to declare interest earned to their relevant tax authority.

\*\*Net = The rate of interest payable after deduction of income tax at the rate specified by law.

Interest is payable annually on Savings Plus and Linked Savings accounts.

Interest is paid on the 5th April.

To confirm current rates of interest phone 08457 212 212, call into your local branch or visit our website [co-operativebank.co.uk](http://co-operativebank.co.uk)

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**Please call 08457 212 212 if you would like to receive this information in an alternative format such as large print, audio or Braille.**

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