

Welcome  
to your new  
Co-operative  
Members'  
credit card



The **co-operative** bank  
It's good to be different

# Thank you for choosing a Co-operative Members' credit card

It's great to have you with us. Now that your new credit card has arrived, we want to help you get the most out of it. This handy guide will fill you in on what you need to know about using your card.

So make sure you keep hold of it, along with your signed agreement form (which contains your card's terms and conditions). You never know when you might need to check on something in the future.

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# A different approach to banking

We're proud of our passion for values, ethics and the community. In fact, we're the only UK high street bank with a customer-led Ethical Policy. And it's much more than words. It's a real difference that you'll notice in your day-to-day banking with us.

## **Our Ethical Policy is built on the following five pillars:**

### **Ethical banking**

We do not provide banking services to businesses and organisations that conflict with our Ethical Policy.

### **Ethical products and services**

We seek to offer products and services that reflect our values and ethics.

### **Ethical business**

We endeavour to behave ethically in how we run our business, including our relationships with suppliers and external organisations.

### **Ethical workplace and culture**

Our workplace culture reflects co-operative values and ethics.

### **Ethical campaigning**

We campaign for social and economic change in line with our values and ethics.

For more information about our Ethical Policy, please visit [co-operativebank.co.uk/ethics](https://co-operativebank.co.uk/ethics)

# Our approach to credit cards

- We focus on providing products that are clear and simple.
- We make sure we are transparent with our fees and charges.
- You won't lose your promotional rate if you miss or submit a late payment, but we may charge you a fee and it may affect your credit rating.
- Terms and conditions that meet the Clear English Standard as provided by Plain Language Commission.
- UK-based call centres and award-winning customer service.



**Don't forget**

Your credit card can be used worldwide, wherever you see this symbol.



# Why use your credit card?

## ✓ Cashback

Each time you use your card to make a purchase, you may be eligible to earn cashback. We'll let Co-operative Group Limited know how much cashback you have earned twice a year.

### Cashback rate

Purchases in Co-op Food Stores	<b>1p</b> for every <b>£2</b> spent <sup>^</sup> (0.5 % of the amount spent)
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Purchases where the Visa Symbol is displayed	<b>1p</b> for every <b>£3.33</b> spent <sup>^^</sup> (0.3 % of the amount spent)
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<sup>^</sup>Excluding in-store concessions <sup>^^</sup>Including in-store concessions

You'll find the rules of The Co-operative Members' credit card cashback scheme at the back of this booklet.

## ✓ Convenience

With a credit card, you can borrow as and when you need it and spread the cost of your purchases over time. You can even use it abroad instead of carrying around lots of cash (charges will apply - turn to page 14).

## ✓ Flexibility

Whenever you use your card to make a purchase, you'll have up to 56 days to pay it back before you're charged any interest. To find out more about how interest is charged, turn to page 6.

## ✓ Peace of mind

If you use a credit card to pay for something, you may be entitled to a refund if it turns out to be faulty, or the company ceases to trade before the product or service is delivered – even if you've just paid a deposit.

## ✓ Control

If you have outstanding balances on other providers' credit or store cards, you could save money by transferring your balances to your new card. By having fewer cards, it's also much easier to keep control of your finances. You may also add additional cardholders to your account (subject to eligibility).

## ✓ Contactless

When making low value payments of up to £30, paying by Contactless is quicker and easier than Chip and PIN. Simply touch your card to the reader and wait for the beep.

# Interest charging information

To make things easier for you, we have outlined what you need to know about how we charge interest so you can avoid unexpected charges.

## Interest-free period

- You will benefit from up to 56 days interest-free credit on new purchases, if you pay your balance in full by the due date (including any promotional balances).
- There is no interest-free period for cash withdrawals, or balance transfers (unless you have a 0% promotional or introductory offer period).

## When will we charge you interest?

If you don't pay your balance in full, we will charge you interest from the date we add the transaction or charge to your account, taking into consideration any payments and/or refunds that have been received. So the longer it takes you to pay back the balance, the more interest you'll pay – until you've paid off your balance in full.

No interest will be charged on default charges e.g. late payment, going over the credit limit or payment returned unpaid.



## How interest is charged on balance transfers

If you pay your balance in full by the due date, you'll benefit from up to 56 days interest-free credit on all purchases. But when you make a balance transfer with a promotional rate, this can have an impact on the interest applied to purchases.

Until you repay your balance in full, you may be charged interest on any purchase you make, even if you pay off your full purchase balance each month (unless a promotional or introductory purchase offer applies).

## How long does it take for a purchase to reach your account?

When you make a purchase, your available balance is reduced straightaway. It should then be applied to your account within two days (depending on when the retailer processes the payment).

### Your statement

Your statement includes important information including:

- your interest rate and current balance
- all transactions you've made in the month, including payments, balance transfers and cash withdrawals
- the minimum payment amount and your payment due date
- the estimated amount of interest you will be charged if you only make the minimum payment
- any fees and charges applied to your account in the month
- summary box on the back containing other useful information.

# How to pay your credit card

Each month you can choose to settle your balance in full, pay your minimum payment, or pay more than your minimum payment.

Please ensure your payment reaches us by the due date, or charges or interest may be made in accordance with your terms and conditions. For some methods of payment, it takes longer for your instruction to be processed and for payment to reach us by the due date. Please consider the timings for payments to reach your account on page 10.

## Money-saving tip

If you pay back more than your minimum payment each month, you'll clear your balance sooner and pay less interest.

**For example:** Buy a new TV for £1,000 at 18.0% APR

Payment amount	Time to pay	Total interest charge
Minimum payment	25 years, 4 months	£1,825.04
£50 per month	2 years	£180.07

## Direct Debit

To avoid missing payments and being charged a late payment fee, we recommend setting up a Direct Debit. You can choose to pay either your minimum payment or full balance each month. Simply call us on **0345 600 6000\***.

## Online Banking

If you've signed up to Online Banking on your Co-operative Bank Current Account, you can simply make your payment online. If you've registered for Online Banking with another provider, you can pay using the sort code and account number in the box below.

### Money-saving tip

If you've set up a Direct Debit for the minimum payment, you can pay additional amounts by phone, Online Banking or cheque.



## Phone

If you've got a current account with The Co-operative Bank, you can pay by calling us on **03457 212 212\*** (lines are open 6am - 10pm, 7 days a week).

If you've got a current account with another provider, contact them to make a payment using the sort code and account number in the box below.

## Branch

You can make a payment at any of our branches at no extra cost by cheque (with a bank giro credit slip), or if you are a Co-operative Bank Current Account holder, by making a bill payment. Please note, we cannot accept cash payments.

You can also make a payment at any other bank displaying the Visa symbol (usually for a small fee).

## Post by cheque

Make cheques payable to The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., followed by your 16-digit credit card number. Complete the bank giro credit slip on your statement and send with your cheque in the envelope provided.

Please do not send cash through the post. We don't accept cash deposits as a payment for credit cards.

### Our payment details

Please use these account details when making a payment online, by phone or by post.

**Sort code:** 08 90 98

**Account number:** 97491004

**Reference:** Your 16-digit credit card number

## Timings for payments to reach your account

<b>Direct Debit</b>	On payment due date
<b>Telephone/Online Banking from a Co-operative Bank Account</b>	Next Business Day if your instruction is received before 9pm
<b>Telephone/Online Banking from another provider</b>	Same day if received before 3.30pm
<b>Cheque paid in at a Co-operative Bank branch</b>	Two Business Days
<b>Cheque sent in the post</b>	Seven Business Days

### Important

Please check the above timescales to ensure payments reach us on time to avoid potential charges and additional interest. Please note that until a payment reaches your account, interest will continue to be calculated daily, this means that if you usually pay your balance in full each month and your payment clears after your payment due date, you will be charged interest on all transactions included on your statement, calculated from the date each transaction took place, in accordance with your terms and conditions.

# Putting you in control of your account

## Keep up to date with SMS alerts

Keep track of your monthly spending with our free SMS alerts. This will allow you to keep track of your available balance and even warn you when you're close to your credit limit. You can set these up, for a day and time that suits you, via our Mobile Banking app under Alerts.

Please note in order to use our Mobile Banking services you must have a current account and/or a savings account with us.

## Easy access to your account, wherever you are

Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, managing your money couldn't be easier. And we're available to help when you need us.

- **Online Banking** – Register for Online Banking at [co-operativebank.co.uk](https://co-operativebank.co.uk) and you can manage your credit card account 24/7.
- **Mobile Banking app** – Download our Mobile Banking app to manage your credit card account on the go – wherever you are, at a time that suits you, 24/7. Please note in order to use our Mobile Banking services you must have a current account and/or a savings account with us.
- **Telephone Banking** – Our UK-based advisers are available by phone, 6am - 10pm, 7 days a week.
- **Web chat** – Chat with an adviser via our website from 7am to 10pm daily (subject to availability).
- **In Branch** – Come in and see us in person at branches across the UK. We're open Monday to Friday, with some branches open on Saturday mornings too.

## Add additional cardholders

You can add an additional cardholder to your account through Online Banking or by calling us. Additional cardholders must be over 18 and a UK resident.

## Enjoy a credit limit you're comfortable with

You may request an increase or decrease to your credit limit yourself through Online Banking or by calling us. Any credit limit increase requests will be assessed based on whether you can afford to make the repayments on your account.

## How to avoid unnecessary fees and charges

- Make sure your payments are made on time.
- Set up a Direct Debit – this way you'll never forget to make a payment.
- Keep track of your spending – keep within your agreed credit limit.

### Fees and charges

Cash or cash-related payment (if applicable, including travellers' cheques, foreign currency and gambling)	<b>3%</b> of value, minimum of <b>£3</b>
Copy statement	<b>£2.50</b> per statement (with a cap of £10 for each request)
Balance transfer fee	Please refer to your terms and conditions
Late payment	<b>£10</b>
Going over the credit limit, even if we allow it	<b>£10</b>
Payment returned unpaid	<b>£10</b>

#### Important

Missed or late payments, or exceeding your credit limit could affect your future credit rating.

#### Did you know?

You can change your statement date to fit around your payday.

# Managing your money

## Feel more in control with a monthly budget

Sticking to a monthly budget can really help you to stay on top of your finances – the savings you make each month could even help you pay off a bigger chunk of your credit card balance.

## Always borrow and spend sensibly

When you're a little short of cash, it's very easy to go and overspend on your credit card. But be careful, make sure you don't spend so much that you struggle to make your minimum payments each month.

## How to check and look after your credit rating

If you'd like to check your credit rating, you can do so for just £2 at any of the following credit agency websites.

[www.equifax.co.uk](http://www.equifax.co.uk)

[www.callcreditstatreport.co.uk](http://www.callcreditstatreport.co.uk)

[www.experian.co.uk](http://www.experian.co.uk)

### Handy tips

#### Simple steps to improving your credit rating:

- Sign up to the electoral register.
- Close any old credit card/store card accounts that you no longer use. Forgotten cards could easily be used by someone else without you realising.
- Always put down a landline number when applying for credit, instead of just a mobile number.

## Experiencing financial difficulties?

Then please get in touch with our Financial Support Team as soon as possible. They've been specially trained to work with customers who are experiencing short or long-term financial difficulties, and can help you get your finances back on track.

To speak to a member of our team, call **0344 844 8899\***. Lines are open from 8am to 8pm Monday – Friday and from 9am to 5pm Saturday (bank holiday opening hours may vary).

# Using your credit card abroad

Your credit card can be used anywhere you see the Visa sign. It's a much simpler and more convenient way of accessing your money abroad. But please be aware that you may be charged a fee.

## Telling us about your travel plans

You don't need to let us know your travel plans in advance, provided you are travelling within the EU or to Turkey. If you're travelling to countries outside of these areas, then you should contact us on **0345 600 6000\*** to let us know. That way we'll expect to see foreign transactions on your card.

### Did you know?

If you're unfortunate enough to lose your credit card while abroad, Visa will get a new one to your location within three Business Days. Call us on **+44 (0) 345 600 6000\*** (24 hours a day).

## Foreign usage

Payment Scheme  
Exchange Rate

Visa Card rates can be found at: [www.visaeurope.com/making-payments/exchange-rates](http://www.visaeurope.com/making-payments/exchange-rates)

One or more of the following will apply:

Non-sterling transaction fee

**2.75%** of the transaction

Non-sterling cash fee

**3%** of value, minimum of **£3**

(If applicable, including travellers' cheques, foreign currency and gambling. Charged in addition to the non-sterling transaction fee.)

# Keeping your account safe and secure

We are committed to making your banking experience as safe and secure as possible.

That's why we constantly monitor all our customers' accounts for potential fraudulent activity.

If we spot anything suspicious, we'll contact you by phone, SMS or email using our Automated Messaging service. This service enables us to quickly verify potentially fraudulent payments and stop fraud as soon as possible.

In the meantime, here are a few things for you to watch out for.

## Protecting your card and PIN

- Always shield your PIN when using cash machines or making a purchase in a shop.
- Never tell anybody what your PIN is.
- Only deal with reputable companies when making purchases online/over the phone.

Suspect that someone has discovered your PIN? You can change it immediately by following the on-screen instructions at most UK cash machines. But try not to use family birthdays – fraudsters may try these first.

If you ever forget your PIN and need a reminder, please call **0345 600 6000\***.

## Verified by Visa

The Verified by Visa scheme makes shopping online even more secure. It's quick and easy to use and provides greater protection against the unauthorised use of your card for online purchases.



When you make an online purchase with a participating merchant, a box showing the Verified by Visa logo will be displayed. This will ask you for selected characters of your memorable name or Verified by Visa password. Simply enter this information and complete your purchase.

## If your credit card is lost or stolen

Keep a close eye on your new credit card and let us know immediately if it is lost or stolen by calling **0345 600 6000\*** (24 hours a day).

## Free security software to keep you safe

We offer free security software from Trusteer Rapport to protect you when you bank or shop online. Benefits include protection against online threats and a security warning if you attempt to access an unknown website. We recommend you use Trusteer Rapport alongside firewall and antivirus software to provide an extra layer of protection.

## What's phishing?

This is when fraudsters send you bogus emails or messages. At first glance they may appear to be authentic. But be warned – they often feature links or attachments that take you to fake websites, where they'll ask you to confirm your full login details. This is something that we would never do – our security will only ask you for selected pieces of information.

Clicking on these links or attachments might also give fraudsters access to information stored on your computer. So if you think you have received a scam email, close the email straightaway and forward it to:

[ihaveseenascam@co-operativebank.co.uk](mailto:ihaveseenascam@co-operativebank.co.uk)

## What's vishing?

A fraudster phones you, claiming to be from the Bank, police or other reputable organisation, in an attempt to obtain your personal information and steal your money.

### Remember

- ✓ The Bank, police or other trusted organisations will never:
  - Ask you for your financial information or your full security details.
  - Ask you for your PIN or Card Reader codes.
  - Ask you to move your money to a new or 'safe' account.
  - Send you an email, text, or social media message containing a link to a login page.
- ✓ Genuine emails from us will always have the last three characters of your postcode at the top of the email.

If you are worried you may have revealed your security details, or you have fallen victim to fraud, we are here to help. Call us on **0345 600 6000\*** (24 hours a day).



### Third Party Provider 'TPP' services

From 13 January 2018, you can opt to use additional online services provided by Third Party Providers (TPPs), who, with your permission, will be able to access your account and perform agreed actions on your behalf.

More information about TPPs is available on our website [co-operativebank.co.uk/tpps](https://co-operativebank.co.uk/tpps)

## Let us know if something isn't right

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of our service, please let us know so that we can put things right. We value your comments and can only improve if you tell us where we are falling short.

The Co-operative Bank has well-established complaints handling procedures to ensure that all causes of concern are dealt with fairly and promptly. Please contact us if you would like us to send you details of these procedures. If you have a complaint, please call **0345 600 6000\***, visit your branch or write to: Customer Response, The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., 2nd Floor, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP.

If you are still unhappy with our response you may be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR or telephone **0300 123 9123\*** 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.

# Cashback scheme rules for The Co-operative Members' credit card

1. As a Members' credit card customer you may be eligible to earn cashback under the Members' cashback scheme which is promoted by The Co-operative Bank p.l.c. (us) in association with Co-operative Group Limited, registered office: 1 Angel Square, Manchester M60 0AG (Co-op).
2. From 1 January 2017, in order to be eligible to receive Members' credit card cashback you need to be a Co-op Member. You can apply to be a member at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership). Once you have been accepted as a member please contact us on **0345 600 6000\*** and provide your Co-op Membership number to ensure future cashback is earned.
3. If you are eligible you can earn cashback on transactions with your Members' credit card as set out below:

Transaction	Cashback
Purchases in Co-op Food Stores	<b>1p</b> for every <b>£2</b> spent <sup>^</sup> (0.5 % of the amount spent)
Purchases where the Visa Symbol is displayed	<b>1p</b> for every <b>£3.33</b> spent <sup>^^</sup> (0.3 % of the amount spent)

<sup>^</sup>Excluding in-store concessions <sup>^^</sup>Including in-store concessions  
You will not earn cashback on balance transfers.

Cashback can only be earned at the time of purchase and cannot be earned retrospectively.

4. Cashback earned in relation to purchases in one statement period will be shown on your credit card statement for that period.
5. We will notify cashback earned to the Co-op for payment (twice a year) and show the cashback notified on your credit card statement for that statement period. You can redeem your cashback in accordance with Co-op Membership terms and conditions. For information about how to redeem your cashback go to [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership)

6. Where you have made a purchase with your Members' credit card, you must ensure that any refund is credited to your Members' credit card account.
7. We may deduct or refuse to notify cashback to the Co-op for payment where:
  - you have not paid at least the minimum monthly payment;
  - you go over your credit limit;
  - you are given a refund for a purchase for which cashback has been earned;
  - you are declared bankrupt or default in respect of your credit agreement with us;
  - in our opinion you have misused this cashback scheme; or
  - you or we have given notice to the other to end your participation in this cashback scheme.
8. We reserve the right to take appropriate action where it is found that you have abused the cashback scheme, which may include withdrawing your right to participate in it.
9. Cashback is not transferable to any other account or to any other person.
10. If we make a change to the cashback scheme that is to your advantage, we'll tell you personally before it takes effect. For most other changes we make, we'll tell you personally at least two months before the change.
11. The latest rules can be found at **[co-operativebank.co.uk/creditcards/members](https://co-operativebank.co.uk/creditcards/members)**

# Got a query or need more information?



Live chat online at  
[co-operativebank.co.uk](https://co-operativebank.co.uk)



See our FAQs at  
[co-operativebank.co.uk/creditcards/existing-credit-card-customers](https://co-operativebank.co.uk/creditcards/existing-credit-card-customers)



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**0345 600 6000\***



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Find your nearest branch at:  
[co-operative.co.uk/branch](https://co-operative.co.uk/branch)

**Please call 03457 212 212\* (6am - 10pm, 7 days a week) if you would like to receive this information in an alternative format such as large print, audio or Braille.**

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\*Calls to 03 numbers cost the same as calls to numbers starting with 01 and 02. Calls may be monitored or recorded for security and training purposes.

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