



# Savings.

General Investment Terms and Conditions

**Suffolk**

Building Society

## Definitions

<b>Account</b>	The account you hold with Suffolk Building Society as detailed in these Terms and Conditions and the accompanying Specific Conditions.	<b>Maturity Date</b>	The date on which an account matures, as detailed in the Specific Conditions.
<b>Account Holder</b>	The person(s) in whose name the account is held. In the case of joint account holders, it means either one or both of you, depending on the circumstances.	<b>Nominated Account</b>	The account held in your name with another UK bank or building society which you have nominated to receive payments under these Conditions. The account must be held under the address we have registered for you.
<b>Application Form</b>	The application form you complete (which may be in paper or electronic form as applicable) when you open an account.	<b>Non personal account</b>	An account held by a business, club or charity or an account held by a non personal trustee on behalf of an individual.
<b>BACS</b>	An electronic transfer between banks, which typically takes 3 working days.	<b>Online Account</b>	An account that can only be opened and operated online.
<b>Branch</b>	Any branch or agency of the Society.	<b>Online Service</b>	Our online portal, which allows you to operate your accounts online. This service allows you to update certain personal details, send and receive secure messages and initiate transactions. Customers with branch accounts will only be able to view their accounts.
<b>Branch Account</b>	An account opened and operated in branch or by post. Some services may also be available by email or telephone.	<b>Our website</b>	Suffolkbuildingsociety.co.uk or such other website as we maintain as our main website at any time.
<b>CHAPS</b>	A same day, electronic transfer between banks. Please refer to the Society's Tariff of Charges.	<b>Passbook</b>	The account document provided for branch accounts to maintain a record of transactions on your account.
<b>Closing Date</b>	The closing date for a product offer as detailed in the relevant Specific Conditions, or earlier if fully subscribed.	<b>Payment Transaction</b>	Any transaction by which money is paid into, withdrawn from, or transferred between accounts.
<b>Conditions</b>	The Society's Terms and Conditions that apply to all savings accounts.	<b>Personal Savings Allowance</b>	Allows individuals to earn a certain amount of interest on their savings without having to pay tax.
<b>CTF</b>	Child Trust Fund.	<b>Product Guide</b>	The document, whether in leaflet or electronic form, setting out the information (including the specific conditions) for the product that applies to your account.
<b>Cut Off Time</b>	The time on any working day by which we need to receive your instructions and authorisation to undertake a payment if we are going to start processing it that working day. The cut-off time for BACS, Faster payments and CHAPS is 5pm.	<b>Reference Rate</b>	Any interest rate set externally from the Society (for example the Bank of England Base Rate).
<b>Electronic Payment</b>	Any automated payment into and out of your account which includes BACS, CHAPS, Faster Payment or standing orders.	<b>Security Details</b>	Any security or other identification information (such as a password and/or username) required in order to operate your account through our online service.
<b>Faster Payment</b>	A particular type of Automated Payment settled electronically within 1 working day of receiving the instruction.	<b>Specific Conditions</b>	The product terms and conditions for your account.
<b>Interest</b>	The contractual rate of interest payable.	<b>We/our/us/Society</b>	Suffolk Building Society.
<b>ISA</b>	Individual Savings Account.	<b>You/your</b>	The account holder in whose name(s) the account is held.
<b>JISA</b>	Junior Individual Savings Account.	<b>Working Day</b>	A day other than a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday.
<b>Material</b>	A change to a rate of interest will always be considered material except where the balance of the account is less than £100 at the time when the Society would provide the notice.		

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1

These General Investment Terms and Conditions, referred to as the "Conditions" apply to all savings accounts with the Society, along with the application declarations and specific product conditions, they form the legal agreement between you and Suffolk Building Society. You will find the specific conditions in our product guides, which are available at your local branch, on our website or by contacting us on 0330 123 0723. The Conditions apply to operations or a series of operations of the same nature to be performed over time in respect of your accounts.

### 1.2

You should read these Conditions alongside:

- The Society Rules and Memorandum
- Tariff of Charges
- The specific conditions for the savings account you are opening.

### 1.3

If you are a company, other form of corporation, partnership or unincorporated body (such as a club), please refer to Condition 23.

### 1.4

The Society's savings products and services are only available to residents of the United Kingdom (excluding the Channel Islands and Isle of Man).

## 2 Membership

### 2.1

If these Conditions apply to your account you will (except where the account is a non-personal account) be a member of the Society and therefore our Rules will apply. However, these Conditions, or any relevant specific conditions for a particular account, will override the Rules in case of any inconsistency. A copy of the Rules is available on request or at any of our branches, agencies or on our website.

### 2.2

If you have a non-personal account, you are not a member of the Society. You are, however, bound by some of our Rules, namely 4(4) to (7), 6, 9(4) and (5). These Rules apply to deposit account holders (as if they were shareholding members), except to the extent that they are inconsistent with these Conditions.

### 2.3

If you had a share account with the Society on 1 October 2000 and have kept a share account ever since that date, or if you have a mortgage with the Society at today's date, the wording in paragraphs 1 and 2 below does not apply to you.

1. Members opening a share account on, or after 2 October 2000, agree that any relevant conversion benefits will be assigned to the Charities Aid

Foundation ("the CAF"). This is due to a deed dated 29 September 2000 between the Society and the CAF.

2. "Relevant conversion benefits" means any benefits to which you might become entitled as a shareholding member of the Society under the terms of any future transfer of the Society's business to a company (ie: on a conversion or takeover) which is completed at any time within the five years immediately following the date on which your share account is opened (or, if applicable, the shorter period as set out in the list available from the Society's Secretary). "Relevant conversion benefits" does not include the statutory right to have shares in the Society (including any balances on share accounts) converted into deposits with the company on a conversion or takeover.

2b. If the Society merges with any other society, after the date of such merger the "Society" includes such other society.

A list of the classes of persons which the Society currently wishes to be excluded from the obligation to assign or in respect of which a shorter period applies (which list may change from time to time but not with retrospective effect) is available on request from the Society's Secretary at its Principal Office.

### 2.4

If your account becomes overdrawn, then unless we have consented to the amount of the overdrawning, you will stop being a member in respect of the account.

## 3 Opening an account

### 3.1

In line with regulatory requirements, we will require evidence of your name and address before an account is opened. If we receive money without satisfactory evidence of identity, then we may return the money or retain it pending instruction from any relevant authority. We cannot open your account if we do not obtain satisfactory identification or if you are a non UK resident or resident in another country for tax purposes. We do not credit score applications, however we may use a credit reference agency to help us verify your identity. They will record that we have made a search.

### 3.2

If you open an account online, you will need to follow the process specified on our website. We will verify your identity electronically in addition to performing an anti-impostor check. If we require additional verification of identity, we will contact you.

### 3.3

Once you have opened an account, you have 14 days after the contract is entered into (or, if later, 14 days from the day you first receive, on paper or electronically, these conditions and other information relating to the account) to notify us in writing, visit your local branch or contact us via our online service that you want to change your mind. If you notify us within this time, we will help you switch to another of our accounts or (assuming we have received cleared funds) give you back your money together with any interest it has earned. We will ignore any notice period and any extra charges. Please note that this Condition 3.3, and the option to change your mind, does not apply to fixed rate accounts (other than a fixed rate cash ISA), or to accounts where the price depends on rises and falls in financial markets outside our control that may happen during the cancellation period.

If you do not exercise your right to change your mind, you will continue to be bound by these conditions and any specific conditions that apply to the particular account.

### 3.4

We can refuse to open your account at any time without giving any reason.

## 4 Account details

### 4.1

We reserve the right to request identification or any other documentation at any point throughout the lifetime of our relationship with you.

### 4.2

The address that you provide on account opening will be the registered address for you, and will remain the registered address for you until it is changed in our records.

### 4.3

It is your responsibility to notify us of any change of address. You should also notify us of any change of name, telephone numbers and email address (if you have told us you want to be contacted in this way). You can do this by telephone, post, email or by visiting one of our branches or agencies. We will require identification if you update your mobile number. This is because we use your mobile number for security checks. Certain personal information can also be changed via our online service, if you are a registered user.

We cannot continue to operate your account if you move abroad. You will be asked to close your account unless that account is an ISA, JISA or CTF. You can continue to invest each tax year into a Junior ISA or Child Trust Fund on behalf of a child living abroad.

However you can only invest into your ISA during the first tax year in which you move abroad. You will not be able to subscribe in subsequent tax years until you can satisfy the ISA residency qualifications.

### 4.4

You agree to produce evidence of any changes to personal information on request. You must also provide any associated account passbook for updating where appropriate.

### 4.5

You agree to provide us with specimen signatures, if we ask for them.

### 4.6

If you have more than one savings account with us, you must make sure that the registered address we have for you is the same in respect of each account.

### 4.7

Your account will have a unique 9 digit number. Please quote this number in all correspondence. Failure to quote this number for electronic payments will result in the payment being returned.

Where you have been issued a passbook for your account, you will need to produce your passbook for any transactions carried out in branch or by post.

Accounts opened online, can only be operated via the online service.

### 4.8

You can instruct us to carry out payment transactions. For branch accounts, you can visit one of our branches or agencies or instruct us by post, enclosing your passbook where one has been issued. Where your account has been opened online, instructions can only be given by you, via the online service. Where the specific conditions for your account allow, or where we agree, automated payments may be made to or from your account by electronic means such as BACS, CHAPS, standing order or next working day transfers to a previously nominated account in your name. Where you have a branch account and the specific conditions for your account allow cash withdrawals, you may pay in or withdraw cash at any of our branches or agencies.

### 4.9

If you require additional information about a deposit or withdrawal made electronically, we can provide:

- (a) details of the transactions into and out of the account including a reference enabling you to identify the transaction (and where appropriate, information relating to the payee)
- (b) the amount of the transaction
- (c) any charges for the transaction
- (d) the date of the transactions into or out of the account.

## 5 Our online service

Conditions 5.1 to 5.3 apply only to online accounts.

### 5.1

You can contact us by logging into your account online and sending us a secure message through our online service, or by calling us on 0330 123 0723. You should take all appropriate steps to ensure that only you can access your emails, secure messages, and other online information we send each other.

### 5.2

You must update your details using the online service as soon as possible if your address, telephone number(s), email address or other relevant details change. We may ask you to provide evidence of any change prior to it taking effect. If you wish to change your name, please note that this cannot be completed using the online service. Please contact us on 0330 123 0723 to discuss the process for updating your name and note that we will require evidence of your name change. We will require identification if you update your mobile number. This is because we use your mobile number for security checks.

### 5.3

Please note if you only have an online account, you will be unable to use our branches to request any transactions or updates to personal information.

Conditions 5.4 to 5.11 apply to you if you use our online service.

### 5.4

We will assume that emails have been received by you unless we receive any automatic "bounce-back" which indicates that the address is no longer in use. In addition, we will assume that all information uploaded on to our online service has been seen by you.

### 5.5

You will be required to set up personal security details if you use our online service. We may from time to time request that you set up new security details to ensure your account continues to operate securely.

### 5.6

You must not reveal your security details to anyone or allow anyone else to use them to access your account. We will never call you and ask for your security details or ask you to disclose your password. However we may ask you to confirm other personal information for the purposes of verifying your identity. If you suspect someone is trying to obtain your security details, you must contact us as soon as possible by telephoning us on 0330 123 0723 or by email to hello@suffolkbuildingsociety.co.uk.

### 5.7

You must ensure that your security details are not stored in any form that allows access to your account. You should:

- keep your device secure.
- maintain up to date anti-virus and other software and firewalls.
- treat emails you receive with caution and be wary of any emails which ask you for your Security Details.

### 5.8

We may contact you to confirm your instructions if we consider this is appropriate in the circumstances. If we do, we will never ask you to reveal your full security details.

### 5.9

You must tell us immediately if:

- you believe someone other than you knows your security details; you suspect that someone other than you is attempting to access your account; and/or
- you think that your security details have been kept in any form which may allow others to access your account, in which case you should also immediately arrange for the details or the software holding the information to be deleted.

### 5.10

In certain circumstances, you may be denied access to your account or permission to make payments, for example if:

- (a) we reasonably believe that there may be fraudulent activity or any other financial crime affecting the account.
- (b) we are required to do so by any law, regulation, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or court order.
- (c) there is a dispute (which we reasonably believe may be genuine) about the ownership of, or entitlement to, the money in the account.
- (d) our systems and services are unavailable or down or there is limited functionality in relation to those systems or services.
- (e) circumstances beyond our reasonable control prevent us from offering a normal service (such as in the event of a terrorist threat, computer systems failure or strikes); or
- (f) circumstances exist which lead us to reasonably believe our financial stability is under threat (such as where rumours cause actual or potentially abnormal levels of withdrawals). This is to try and protect the interests of the members as a whole; or

In the case of (e) and (f) above:

- (i) we will act proportionately to the circumstances in question.
- (ii) we will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the restrictions are lifted as soon as is practicable and to minimise the inconvenience to you.
- (iii) we will consider the interests of the Society's membership.
- (iv) we will, if practicable, give advance notice; and
- (v) we may consider exceptions to the restrictions if we are reasonably satisfied that substantial hardship would otherwise be caused.

#### **5.11**

If someone other than you uses your security details, logs into your account and pretends to be you or authorised by you through our online service, and is therefore able to withdraw money from the account, you will be liable for the first £35 of the unauthorised withdrawals. We will not hold you liable for the first £35 if you could not have known about the loss, theft, or misappropriation of your security details before the unauthorised withdrawal took place (unless you have acted fraudulently) or if the loss was caused by the acts or omissions of one of our employees, agents, branches, or outsourced providers. You will be

liable for all withdrawals if you have acted fraudulently or have, intentionally or with gross negligence, failed to comply with your obligations under these Conditions, failed to notify us that your security details were lost or stolen in accordance with Condition 19.1 or failed to take all reasonable steps to keep your security details or any personal account information safe. However, you will not be liable for any withdrawals made after you have told us of the loss, theft, or unauthorised use, unless you have acted fraudulently. If you are entitled to a refund, we will provide you with a refund as soon as practicable and at the latest by the end of the business day after the day we become aware of the unauthorised withdrawal (unless we have reasonable grounds to suspect you have acted fraudulently). You must notify us of the unauthorised withdrawal without undue delay and in any event within 13 months after the date when the withdrawal was debited to your account, or you may not be entitled to a refund.

## **6 Minimum and maximum account balances**

### **6.1**

The minimum and maximum amounts that can be held in any particular account are set out in the specific conditions for that account.

### **6.2**

We reserve the right to close unfunded Accounts or those with balances below the minimum required for that account.

We will give you at least 30 days' notice before doing this. During this period, you can pay in more money to bring the balance up to the minimum. Instead of closing the account (or during any period when it is below the minimum amount) we may not pay you any interest.

### **6.3**

The overall maximum holding by any one person in respect of all savings accounts with the Society is £1,000,000 for individuals and depositors. Exceptions may be made with the Executive's approval.

## **7 Paying money into your account**

### **7.1**

For accounts opened in branch and unless the specific conditions specify otherwise, you can generally pay

money into your account at any of the Society's branches or agencies during our normal opening hours on a working day (opening times vary) or by bank transfer or post. However, for security reasons we do not recommend that cash is sent by post. Please see Condition 8.2 regarding when interest becomes payable.

Deposits into accounts opened online can only be made electronically by the account holder from their nominated bank.

### **7.2**

You are responsible for ensuring that the correct account details are provided for deposits made electronically. Incorrect and unallocated payments received by bank transfer will be returned to the originating bank. Faster Payment files will be run on the morning and afternoon of each working day. As soon as a bank transfer payment reaches the Society's bank account it will be available for you to access provided that all details regarding your account with the Society are correct.

### **7.3**

For security and regulatory reasons, we reserve the right to request the source of funds and request proof of where funds have originated from. Furthermore, we reserve the right to refuse to accept any sum of money regardless of value.

**7.4**

You can pay money into your account by debit card, standing order, BACS or Faster Payments (although you will need to set this up direct with your bank). Please refer to individual product specific conditions for any relevant deposit restrictions.

**7.5**

Cheques made payable to the Society will only be accepted for payment into an account if they contain additional details (such as the name(s) of the account holder(s) or the account number), so that it is clear who the money is intended for.

Debit card deposits into branch accounts, can be accepted by any individual, provided they can provide the relevant account number and passbook (where a passbook has been issued).

Debit card deposits into online accounts can only be accepted from the account holder.

**7.6**

When paying into an account, you will need to produce your passbook or provide your unique account number.

**7.7**

Money paid into your account by cash, cheque or electronic bank transfer will be available for withdrawal as detailed in the table below. Any sums received by us outside normal business hours or

on a non-working day will be treated as having been received when we are next open for business on a working day. Please see Condition 11 regarding cheques. Any bank payment sent via Faster Payment after 3.30pm will be received on the morning of the following working day.

If your account is an online account you can only pay money into it electronically, internal transfer from another online account held with Suffolk Building Society or by a debit card in your name.

**7.8**

Our accounts are designed for savings. We have therefore reduced the number of cheques that can be paid into a branch account to 10 per day, with an overall total of 50 cheques per month. If this number is exceeded we reserve the right to close your account.

**7.9**

We will update your passbook whenever you present it in branch. If the account you hold does not have a passbook, you will receive an annual statement. A statement of transactions and full payment details for a specific transaction can be provided on request.

If you have opened your account online or are registered to view your accounts online, information about transactions is available via our online service.

Method	Date deposit appears in your SBS account	When deposit is available for use	When deposit starts to earn interest	Latest date you can cancel deposit
<b>Transfer from SBS account</b>	Same day	Same day	Same day	Before close of business on same day
<b>Standing Order</b> (set up by another bank)	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Please contact your bank
<b>BACS</b> Bank Automated Clearing System	Day payment in is received (See condition 9.6)	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Please contact your bank
<b>Faster Payments</b>	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Please contact your bank
<b>CHAPS</b> Clearing House Automated Payments System	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Please contact your bank
<b>Debit Card</b>	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Day payment in is received	Please contact your bank
<b>Cheque</b>	Day payment in is received	At the start of the 4th working day from and including the day on which you paid in the cheque. Suffolk Building Society cheques - immediate.	Day payment in is received	Before close of business the same day
<b>Cash</b>	Same day	Same day	Same day	Not applicable

## 8 Interest

### 8.1

We will tell you the interest rate that applies to your account (and when it is paid or credited) when you open it. This information is also available:

- in our Savings Interest Rate Guide;
- on our website;
- on our telephone helpline 0330 123 0723;
- by asking our staff at our branches and agencies;
- by looking at notices in our branches and agencies;
- when you log into your account using our online service.

### 8.2

On our accounts we generally:

- calculate interest on a sum paid from the day we receive it. Any sums received by us outside normal business hours or on a non-working day will be treated as having been received when we are next open for business on a working day;
- calculate interest on any amount withdrawn up to the day before you make the withdrawal;
- give you the choice of having the interest added to the account, paid into another account with us, or paid into your bank account.

- Interest added to your account is available to withdraw from the next working day, subject to any withdrawal conditions.
- Interest that is paid monthly cannot be added to your account.
- If you chose to receive interest to your nominated account it will arrive on the first working day following the end of the month.

Available options along with when interest is paid will be detailed in your specific conditions and our Savings Interest Rate Guide.

A full explanation of how interest is calculated can be obtained from any of our branches or agencies.

### 8.3

Subject to any specific conditions for example, fixed rate or reference rate accounts, we can change interest rates as set out in Conditions 8.4 to 8.6 below.

### 8.4

We may change interest rates at any time if we reasonably believe that the change is needed for any of the following reasons which may relate to circumstances existing at the time or those that are expected to apply in the near future:

- to respond to changes in the Bank of England bank base rate or mortgage or interest rates generally (including the interest rates paid on similar accounts by other providers of financial services);

- to respond to changes in the law or the interpretation of the law or the decision of a court or ombudsman;
- to meet relevant regulatory requirements;
- to respond to new (or changes to) statements or codes of practice or industry guidance designed to enhance consumer protection;
- to respond to changes to our legitimate costs, including administration costs and costs of providing services or facilities;
- to enable us to maintain the competitiveness of interest rates charged to our borrowers from us, while having regard to the interests of our investing members, in the interests of our business as a whole;
- it is necessary to maintain our financial strength in the interest of all our customers;
- to respond to changes in interest generally offered by our competitors in the consumer savings' market;
- to enable us to harmonise, in a reasonable manner, the interest rates across the whole of the Society's savings portfolio.

Any change we make to interest rates will be proportionate to the circumstances giving rise to the change.

### 8.5

Changes may include the introduction or alteration of "bands" under which:

- interest is not paid where the amount in the account is below a certain level; and/or
- different rates apply depending on the amount in the account.

Some of our accounts require you to give a period of notice to make a withdrawal. The total number of notices cannot exceed the closing balance at any one time. If existing notices total the closing balance no further notices can be set unless some or all of the original notice(s) are cancelled. If you are unable to give the required notice, you will be charged an interest penalty on the amount withdrawn as per your specific conditions. This penalty will be deducted from your accrued interest. If you have insufficient accrued interest to cover the penalty due, the remaining amount will be deducted from your balance on closing your account or when your interest is next due to be added to your account.

We report all interest earned on non-ISA savings accounts to HMRC. We do not deduct any interest penalty amount that may have applied to a withdrawal or closure if you were unable to give sufficient notice of withdrawal. The gross value of interest earned will count towards your Personal Savings Allowance.

**8.6**

Where the change is an increase in the interest rate, we will tell you about it by placing notices in our branches, agencies and on our website within three working days of the change. If you have registered your email address with us, we will email you a notification of the rate increase and include a link to our website for further details. No personal information about your account will ever be sent by email.

**8.7**

Where there is a reduction in the interest rate, we will give you notification of the change 14 days before it comes into effect.

We'll notify you by:

- post; or
- email, if an email address has been provided by you.

We may also send a secure message where you have registered for our online service.

If you notify us of your preference from the above options, we will accommodate this where possible.

This does not apply to:

- interest rate tiers applicable to balances below the minimum operating balance for the account, provided we have clearly told you about the minimum balance requirements; or
- fixed reference rate accounts; or

- Where your account balance is less than £100

Where you have a balance of less than £100 we will tell you about changes to our interest rates by placing notices in our branches, agencies and on our website within three working days of the change. If you have registered your email address with us, we may email you a notification about these changes and include a link to our website for further details. No personal information about your account will ever be sent by email.

**8.8**

If we notify you of a reduction in the interest rate under Condition 8.7, then the notification will be provided at least 14 days before the rate change. You will then have a period of 30 days from the date of the notification during which you may close or switch your account without having to give any period of notice or having to lose any interest or pay additional charges.

**8.9**

If you do not notify us that you object to a change before the date on which it comes into effect, you will be deemed to have accepted it.

**8.10**

The information on our website will be updated within three working days of an interest rate change. To help you compare rates, the old rate will also be available on our website.

**8.11**

Where we make a change under Condition 8.5, then Conditions 19.3, 19.4, 19.5 and 19.8 will apply.

**8.12**

If you have an account with a balance over £100 and the account is subject to a bonus interest rate period or promotional rate you will be sent a personal notification at least 14 days in advance of the bonus or promotional rate ending.

## **9 Account charges**

**9.1**

We do not make any charges relating to the day-to-day running of your account.

**9.2**

However, we may charge for products or services relating to your account. We will tell you about these before we provide the product or service, or at any other time you ask. These charges are detailed on our Tariff of Charges.

**9.3**

Charges incurred will be debited to your account. We will notify you before we do this.

**9.4**

We can change the charges we make at any time, if we reasonably believe

that the change is needed, for any of the following reasons (which may relate to circumstances existing at the time or those that are expected to apply in the near future):

- to respond to changes to our legitimate costs associated with providing the particular product or service, including our administrative costs;
- to respond to changes in the law or the interpretation of the law or the decisions of a court or ombudsman;
- to meet relevant regulatory requirements;
- to respond to new (or changes to) statements or codes of practice or industry guidance designed to enhance consumer protection;
- to make charges operate more fairly between our consumer customers generally;
- to respond to changes which we may reasonably make in the services we provide, including any new or improved service or facility available on your account;
- it is necessary to maintain our financial strength in the interest of all our consumer customers;
- to enable us to harmonise, in a reasonable manner, the charges across the whole of the Society's savings portfolio.

Any change we make to our charges will be proportionate to the circumstances giving rise to the change.

**9.5**  
Changes may include the abolition or alteration of existing charges or the introduction of new charges.

**9.6**  
If we introduce or increase a charge relating to the day-to-day running of your account under Condition 9.4 we will give you at least 30 days written notice before the charge comes into effect.

**9.7**  
If we give you notice of a change in the charges we make under Condition 9.4 then we will tell you that this is the case and at any time up to the date the change comes into effect, you have the right to switch the account or close it without having to lose any interest or pay any additional charges.

**9.8**  
If you do not notify us that you object to a change before the date on which it comes into effect, you will be deemed to have accepted it.

**9.9**  
There may be other taxes or costs that are not paid through us or charged by us.

## 10 Withdrawals

### 10.1

Withdrawals may be made from branch accounts, during our normal business hours on working days subject to the specific conditions and to any branch/agency withdrawal limits that we reasonably impose.

Withdrawals from accounts opened online can only be carried out electronically to a previously nominated account and are subject to a daily limit of £25,000. If you wish to close your account, please log into our online service and send us your closing instructions by secure message.

### 10.2

We reserve the right to request satisfactory identification before we allow a withdrawal to be made. In circumstances where identification is requested but is not satisfactory, we reserve the right to refuse to conduct the transaction.

No withdrawal will be allowed:

- if it would cause the account to be overdrawn;
- from a branch account unless you produce the passbook or certificate (if one has been issued to you) at the time of withdrawal;
- if identification is requested but satisfactory identification cannot be provided.

### 10.3

For branch accounts, we may refuse to allow a withdrawal if we are not satisfied that we have the proper written authority for the withdrawal, in accordance with the mandate you have given us. A signed withdrawal form will be required in order to make a withdrawal.

Withdrawals are not permitted against uncleared funds (see Condition 11).

### 10.4

We can restrict at any time the amount which can be withdrawn from any account. We will only do this if:

- a) we reasonably believe that there may be fraudulent activity or other financial crime affecting the account;
- b) we are requested to do so by any law, regulation or court order;
- c) there is a dispute (which we reasonably believe may be genuine) about the ownership of, or entitlement to, the money in the account;
- d) circumstances beyond our reasonable control prevent us from offering a normal service (such as in the event of terrorist threat, computer systems failure or strikes);
- e) circumstances exist which lead us reasonably to believe our financial stability is under threat

(such as where rumours cause actual or potential abnormal levels of cash withdrawals).

In the case of (d) and (e) above:

- (i) we will act proportionately to the circumstances in question;
- (ii) we will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the restrictions are lifted as soon as practical and to minimise the inconvenience to you;
- (iii) we will take into account the interests of the Society's membership as a whole;
- (iv) we will, if practical, give advance notice;
- (v) we may consider exceptions to the restrictions if we are reasonably satisfied that substantial hardship would otherwise be caused.

Where the restrictions on withdrawals affect accounts generally, we will notify the restriction by notices on our website and in our branches and agencies. If the restriction affects your account only, we will write to you to notify you. If you are registered to use our online service, we will send this information to you by secure message. You can contact us to discuss any restriction in person at any of our branches or agencies, or by telephoning us on 0330 123 0723.

**10.5**

If a withdrawal is made by a cheque in favour of someone other than you, we will not stop payment of the cheque unless we have clear evidence of fraud, or written confirmation from a payee that the cheque has been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Where you have a branch account and change your nominated bank for electronic withdrawals, we will require 2 working days to process your request.

Where you have opened your account online, a 3 working day security period will apply.

During this time, free of charge electronic withdrawals will not be available to you.

**10.6**

Please also note that:

- we will not send cheques to third parties by post
- we do not permit withdrawals to be made by direct debit or standing order.

**10.7**

If someone other than you uses your security details, logs into your account and pretends to be you or authorised by you through our Online Service, and is therefore able to withdraw money from the account, you will be liable for the first £35 of the unauthorised withdrawals. We will not hold you

liable for the first £35 if you could not have known about the loss, theft, or misappropriation of your security details before the unauthorised withdrawal took place (unless you have acted fraudulently) or if the loss was caused by the acts or omissions of one of our employees, agents, branches, or outsourced providers.

You will be liable for all withdrawals if you have acted fraudulently or have, intentionally or with gross negligence, failed to comply with your obligations under these Conditions, failed to notify us that your security details were lost or stolen in accordance with Condition 19.1 or failed to take all reasonable steps to keep your security details or any personal account information safe. However, you will not be liable for any withdrawals made after you have told us of the loss, theft, or unauthorised use, unless you have acted fraudulently.

If you are entitled to a refund, we will provide you with a refund as soon as practicable and at the latest by the end of the business day after the day we become aware of the unauthorised withdrawal (unless we have reasonable grounds to suspect you have acted fraudulently).

You must notify us of the unauthorised withdrawal without undue delay and in any event within 13 months after the

date when the withdrawal was debited to your account, or you may not be entitled to a refund.

d) If a payment from your account was authorised by you, but we are provided with incorrect information (with regard to routing the payment to the correct destination and intended recipient), you will be liable for that payment and Condition 10.7(b) above will not apply. However, we will make reasonable efforts to recover the payment and we may charge you a sum reasonable corresponding to our costs incurred in respect of these efforts.

**10.8**

If you are a victim of an Authorised Push Payment scam, we will reimburse you as and when required by the Faster Payment Scheme reimbursement requirement. The Faster Payment Scheme reimbursement rules are laid out by the Payment Services Regulator.

**10.9**

If you are unable to manage your affairs and have appointed a Power of Attorney, we will accept their instructions on your behalf subject to any restrictions the document sets out, unless other specific regulatory rules apply. We may still choose to correspond with you at any time to ensure that the account is being

conducted to your satisfaction or confirm any instructions we have been given. If you have become mentally incapable of managing your affairs your appointed representative may be required to provide Court of Protection or any other court appointed document to operate your account.

**10.10**

In the event of death, we will pay interest on the dates due in accordance with any HM Revenue and Customs regulations that are in force at the time. Your personal representatives must notify us of your death and we will advise them of any conditions which need to be satisfied in order for them to access the funds in your account. We will accept a signed Letter of Indemnity from the beneficiary or personal representative where the total balances held by the deceased do not exceed £15,000. If the total balances exceed £15,000 we will require Probate or Letters of Administration. This limit may be subject to change.

Where the deceased held an account with a fixed end date, the account will be transferred to the Society's Everyday Saver on maturity unless closure has occurred before this date. The Society requires that all accounts of the deceased must be closed. All membership rights will cease on death and are not transferrable.

Method	Date withdrawal appears in your SBS account	Day when withdrawal stops earning interest	Latest date you can cancel withdrawal
<b>Transfer to another SBS account</b>	Same day	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	Same day
<b>BACS</b> Online Closures to a nominated bank	Same day	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	Same day
<b>CHAPS</b> to a current account in your name or a third party, where that party is a Solicitor or HMRC.	Day Society sends the withdrawal Notification for CHAPS withdrawal must be received by 5pm the day before withdrawal is required	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	CHAPS cannot be cancelled once processed
CHAPS under £100,000 are subject to charge, which is debited from your account. Please refer to our current Tariff of Charges.			
<b>Cheque</b>	Same day	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	Same day
<b>Cash</b>	Same day	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	Same day
<b>Electronic Withdrawals</b> Up to £25,000 free of charge to a current account in your name	Same day	Day before withdrawal of funds from your account	Same day

## 11 Uncleared funds

### 11.1

Subject to any specific conditions and to Condition 10, we will allow withdrawals against a cheque at the start of the 4th working day from and including the day on which you paid in the cheque, provided we have not received notice that it has not been cleared. Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays are not counted as working days. If the cheque is not cleared then you will have to repay us the amount of the withdrawal to the extent that there is enough other money in the account to cover it. However, we will not take money from your account, or require you to repay us, in respect of a cheque that has not cleared unless:

- the cheque is not in Sterling;
- the cheque is drawn on a bank or institution outside the United Kingdom;
- you agree otherwise;
- you are knowingly a party to a fraud in respect of the cheque;
- the money is reclaimed from your account before close of business (5 pm) on the second day after it was deposited with us. If deposited on Monday we have until Wednesday 5pm to remove the funds.

If a cheque that is deposited by you is not cleared, we will tell you about this by contacting you.

### 11.2

Withdrawals are not allowed against cheques paid into your account that are drawn on non-UK banks and/or non-sterling cheques until confirmation of the funds being cleared is received from the Society's bankers.

### 11.3

For the purpose of Condition 11.1, the day of deposit of the cheque is the day it is paid in at a branch counter or the day we receive the cheque by post.

### 11.4

If a cheque or other item paid into your account is returned unpaid we will deduct from your account the amount of that cheque or item.

### 11.5

Cheques normally become out of date after 6 months and you should ensure that you pay any cheques into your account allowing sufficient time to clear before the end of the 6 month period.

## 12 Closing your account

### 12.1

You can close your account at any time, subject to any specific conditions and to normal administration requirements. We may request identification and we reserve the right to refuse to action the account closure until satisfactory identification has been provided.

**12.2**

In exceptional circumstances, we can close your account at any time, but:

- we will give you at least 90 days notice;
- we will explain our reasoning where we are permitted to do so;
- we will not use this right to repay a fixed term investment before the end of the fixed term;
- we will not close your account, or threaten to do so, as a response to a valid complaint that you have made.

The exceptional circumstances mentioned above are:

- you have deliberately given us any false information in relation to your account;
- you were not entitled to open the account;
- you do not comply with any of your obligations under these terms and conditions, and do not put this right within a reasonable time of us asking you to do so;
- you threaten or are abusive towards our staff;
- the contract between us is void or unenforceable at law;
- we have a legal obligation to close the account;
- if you have advised us that you are moving or have moved abroad.

**12.3**

If we close the account, we will pay interest at the agreed rate up to the day before repayment. We may make repayment by sending you a cheque.

**12.4**

If we close the account in full and make repayment to you, in person or by post, then you will have no further right or interest in the account.

**12.5**

The Society does not apply a penalty for withdrawal from any of its savings accounts if the withdrawal or closure is due to the death of the account holder.

**12.6**

If your Account is an ISA and we become aware that you fail to satisfy the provisions of the ISA Regulations such that your ISA has or will become void, we will notify you and your account will be closed. If your ISA is declared void, the funds will be returned to you.

### **13 Statements**

We will send you a statement of account upon request or annually unless:

- the account is a passbook account;
- there have been no transactions on your account (other than the crediting or payment of interest) during the period since the last statement was sent;
- you have elected not to receive them;
- you have opened your account online.

You should check all statements and passbooks carefully. If you are unable to reconcile an entry, you should let us know by telephoning 0330 123 0723.

### **14 Tax**

Where required by legislation, interest may be paid or credited after deduction of income tax at the appropriate rate.

### **15 Joint accounts and trusts**

**15.1**

If an account is held in more than one person's name, then only the holder whose name appears first in our records will be entitled to membership rights (such as the right to receive notices of, and to attend and vote at, meetings). This is subject to any rights given to other holders by any legislation.

**15.2**

You can choose the order in which the names appear in our records. Any change in the order will happen when our records are actually changed. We will make the change within a reasonable time after you tell us about it.

**15.3**

Where one account holder dies, we will, on receipt of satisfactory evidence of the death, treat the surviving holder(s) as being entitled to the account. The other terms of the account will remain unchanged.

(Under the Rules, joint accounts cannot be held by the holders as tenants in common).

**15.4**

Withdrawals and other transactions on a joint account need the signatures of all account holders, unless all of them have authorised us to accept the signature of any one of them or (if there are more than two holders) any combination of them. If we have this authorisation, then any of the account holders can withdraw all of the money in the account. In the case of trust accounts, a minimum of 2 trustees will be required to sign for transactions.

**15.5**

Any authorisation given under Condition 15.4 can be stopped by any account holder. However, we will need all parties to the account to sign to put this into effect.

**15.6**

If we have reason to think that there is a dispute between account holders we may (but will not be obliged to) require the signatures of all account holders, despite any authorisation that has been given to us previously under Condition 15.4.

**15.7**

If there is a relationship between the account holders which ceases, you or a solicitor will need to inform us if the account is to be closed or you want any name to be removed from the account. If you or a solicitor do not

inform us then, even if we know about the relationship breakdown, we will continue to operate the account in accordance with the instructions that you have given us. This may mean that withdrawals and/or closure of the account will be permitted on one signature.

#### **15.8**

We may, in accordance with Condition 10.4, freeze the account if we have reason to think that there is a dispute in relation to the money in the account. However, we will not be obliged to do this, unless we are ordered to do so by a court.

#### **15.9**

Any correspondence relating to the account will be sent to the address of the first-named account holder, unless you instruct us otherwise.

#### **15.10**

The liability of joint account holders is joint and several. This means that each of you is separately responsible to us for the performance of all the obligations of the account holders, and not just a share of them.

#### **15.11**

We do not have to recognise the interest or claim of any person other than the account holder(s) in respect of any money held in the account (and we will not have any liability for failing to do so), except as may be required by law.

Further details about the rights and responsibilities of joint account holders are contained in the leaflet 'You and Your Joint Account'. A copy of this is available on request.

## **16 Transfers**

Unless the specific conditions for a particular account say otherwise, you may ask us to transfer your investment to another person. We do not have to agree to this and if we do agree, it may be subject to conditions and/or payment of a charge.

## **17 Dormant accounts**

#### **17.1**

If your account becomes dormant, we will ask you to provide personal information for the purposes of carrying out an electronic identity verification check. We may take part in the unclaimed assets scheme under the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008. An account will become dormant if there has been no activity on the account for 3 years or more. If your account becomes dormant, we may transfer any money in your account to the unclaimed assets scheme. You'll still have the right to the money and you can contact us at any time for information about how to get your money back.

If you believe you have a lost, inactive or dormant account, we will tell you how we can help you trace it. The My Lost Account scheme is available at [mylostaccount.org.uk](http://mylostaccount.org.uk).

#### **17.2**

Condition 17.1 is subject to any rules that may be made under any legislation.

## **18 Account documents**

#### **18.1**

For branch accounts, we may issue you with a passbook, certificate or other similar document relating to your account which will detail your unique account number. If we do:

- the document will belong to us;
- you agree to return it to us for updating, or for any other purpose we reasonably require;
- you agree to keep it safe, and to tell us in person at one of our branches, agencies or by telephoning us on 0330 123 0723 as soon as you discover it has been lost or stolen
- the document must be produced to us before any withdrawal from the account is made.

#### **18.2**

We may issue a replacement for a lost or stolen passbook/certificate but this may be subject to conditions. These conditions may include:

- providing us with reasonable

evidence of the loss or theft;

- notifying, and co-operating with, the police;
- restricting withdrawals from an account (for a lost passbook) from the date you notify us of the loss or theft until you receive a new passbook.

#### **18.3**

If someone other than you produces your account document to us, pretends to be you or to be authorised by you and is therefore able to withdraw money from the account, you may be liable for the first £35 of the unauthorised withdrawals. You will be liable for the amount of all withdrawals if you have acted fraudulently or you have, intentionally or with gross negligence, failed to comply with your obligations under these Conditions or failed to take all reasonable steps to keep your account document or any personal account or security information safe. However, you will not be liable for any withdrawals after you have told us of the loss, theft or unauthorised use of your account document, unless you have acted fraudulently.

**18.4**

You should check your passbook regularly. If you are unable to reconcile an entry, you should tell us as soon as possible, in person at any of our branches, agencies, or by telephoning us on 0330 123 0723.

If you do not notify us within 13 months after the date of the entry, we will not be obliged to correct the error. Subject to Condition 18.3, we will be liable for unauthorised transactions on your account.

## 19 Changing these Conditions

**19.1**

We can change these Conditions on which your account is held, if we reasonably believe that the change is needed, for any of the following reasons (which may relate to circumstances existing at the time or those which are expected to apply in the near future):

- to respond to changes in the law or the interpretation of the law or the decisions of a court or ombudsman;
- to meet relevant regulatory requirements;
- to make the terms clearer or fairer;

- to provide you with extra benefits or services;
- to respond to new (or changes to) statements or codes of practice or industry guidance designed to enhance consumer protection;
- it is necessary to maintain our financial strength in the interests of all our consumer customers;
- to enable us to harmonise, in a reasonable manner, the Conditions across the whole of the Society's saving portfolio.

**19.2**

Any change we make under Condition 19.1 will be proportionate to the circumstances giving rise to the change.

**19.3**

A change which is not to your disadvantage may be made immediately and without prior notice. We will tell you about the change within 30 days.

**19.4**

A change which is to your disadvantage will be effective only after at least 30 days notice is given to you. Where you hold a branch based account, this notice will be in writing. Where you have opened your account online, we will notify you by email.

**19.5**

If we give you notice of a change under Condition 19.4 or 19.6 then we will inform you. For 60 days after this notice you can switch or close the account without losing any interest or paying additional charges.

**19.6**

Where a change relating to the provision of these conditions deals with electronic payment transactions we will notify you personally not less than 2 months before the change comes into effect. Where a change to the Conditions is required due to a change in law or regulation, we may make the change without giving you the full 2 months notice required under Condition 19.6 if it is reasonable in the circumstances but we will give you as much notice of the change as possible.

**19.7**

If you do not notify us that you object to a change before it comes into effect, you will be deemed to have accepted it.

**19.8**

Notices under Condition 19.4 or 19.6 will be sent by individual letter or if you have registered your email address with us, we will email you a notification of the change in Conditions and include a link to our website for further details. No personal information about

your account will ever be sent by email. Notices under Condition 19.3 may be given in this way, or instead be given by general notice in our branches, agencies and website.

**19.9**

This Condition 19 does not apply to changes to interest rates or charges, which are dealt with in Conditions 8 and 9.

**19.10**

If we have made a major change or a lot of minor changes in any one year, we will give you a copy of the new terms and conditions or a summary of the changes and tell you where you can find a full copy.

## 20 Notices

**20.1**

You will be taken to have received any letter or email or other personal notice 72 hours after we have sent it to you.

**20.2**

If we accidentally fail to:

- send to you a communication intended for our investors generally or a category of investors of which you are one; or
- display a notice at any of our branches or agencies

this will not make the notice invalid.

**20.3**

If an error is made in a notice, but this is corrected shortly afterwards by a subsequent notice, the notice period will run from the date of the original notice.

**21 Matters beyond our control**

We will not be liable to you if we are unable to provide any service in connection with your account because of abnormal and unforeseeable circumstances such as strikes, power failures or other causes beyond our control.

**21.1**

We may need to follow court orders, statutory notices, or instructions from government authorities or other enforcement body. When required by law, this may include sharing account information, limiting access to funds, or moving money from your account.

**22 Set off**

We may use the money in your account towards payment of any money that you owe us (for example, under a mortgage) which is due for payment but has not been paid. This is known as our right of set off.

**22.1**

We will not use our right of set off in relation to money in your account if we have grounds to think that the money is:

- needed for essential living expenses;
- you are holding the money on behalf of someone else;
- you have received the money from a Government department, local authority or NHS direct payment organisation for a specific purpose, or you are under a legal obligation to keep the money and use it in a particular way.

**22.2**

If we propose to use our right of set off in relation to your account we will contact you at least 14 days beforehand to tell you this.

**22.3**

If we use our right of set off in relation to your account we will contact you promptly to tell you that we have done so.

**22.4**

Once we have used our right of set off in relation to money in your account that money will cease to be yours and you will not earn any interest on it.

**23 Non-personal accounts**

*Conditions 23.1 to 23.4 apply only to non personal accounts*

**23.1**

In line with regulatory requirements, we reserve the right to request any documentation that we need to understand and verify the nature of the business, its activities, expected transactions and ownership structure. This may include the latest business accounts as well as the identity and address of all individuals with control over the company, including beneficial owners.

**23.2**

If you are a limited company, limited liability partnership (LLP) or other type of incorporated association, you can only open a deposit account. You will need to authorise a minimum of two officers to operate the account and they will need to provide evidence of identity and address. Any other parties with control over the business may also need to provide evidence of identity and address.

**23.3**

Accounts in respect of unincorporated clubs and associations can only open a deposit account, which will be held in the name of the association and will contain the word 'trust' in the title. A minimum of two authorised

signatories will represent the membership of that association for the purposes of operating the account. Authorised signatories, principals, trustees and officers may need to provide evidence of identity and address.

**23.4**

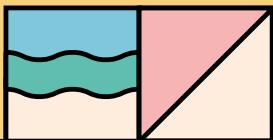
If you are a limited company or other type of corporation, or an unincorporated association, then you must provide us with such information regarding your business and/or your constitution as we may reasonably request from time to time. A minimum of two signatures will be required for all transactions.

**25 Law**

These Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Those laws are also taken as the basis for the establishment of relations with you prior to the conclusion of any contract between us.

**25 Language**

All communications between you and us will be in English unless we specifically agree otherwise.



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