

# Changes to charges on your personal current account

Important information:  
Please take time to  
read about these changes  
and understand them.

From 6 April 2020

## Changes to our overdraft interest rates and fees

These changes apply to all our current accounts in Northern Ireland and Great Britain except our Basic Cash Account and Student account (11-19 years)

### We will no longer charge a paid transaction fee

If you try to make a payment from your account when there is not enough money in it (or enough arranged overdraft limit) to cover it, the payment will usually be declined and you will be charged an unpaid transaction fee (£1.50 per item). However, if the payment is paid you will no longer be charged a paid transaction fee.

Unarranged overdraft fees	Current	New
Unpaid transaction fee	£1.50	£1.50
Paid Transaction Fee	£1.50	£0

### We are increasing the arranged overdraft interest rate on the Clear current account

The arranged overdraft interest rate on our Clear account has two parts: the Bank of Ireland UK Base Rate which is, at 31 December 2019, 0.75% plus a margin rate. Interest rates are variable and will change if either part changes. Any changes to the base rate will take effect immediately.

Type of account	Current	New
Clear Current Account (Northern Ireland)		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	14.75% / 15.79% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
Clear Current Account (Great Britain)		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	13.50% / 14.37% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR

## We will charge the same interest rates for arranged and unarranged overdrafts

We are removing the 'Surcharge interest (1% per month in Northern Ireland/ 1.25% per month in Great Britain or a minimum of £2 per month) so that the arranged and unarranged overdraft rates for all our current accounts will be the same.

The interest rate on our overdrafts has two parts: the Bank of Ireland UK Base Rate which is, at 31 December 2019, 0.75% plus a margin rate which varies by account type. Interest rates are variable and will change if either part changes. Any changes to the base rate will take effect immediately.

Type of account	Current	New
<b>Clear Current Account</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	14.75% / 15.79% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	26.75% / 30.27% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
<b>3rd Level Student Account</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	0% / 0% EAR	0% / 0% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	12% / 12.68% EAR	0% / 0% EAR
<b>Graduate Current Account</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate - up to £3,000	0% / 0% EAR	0% / 0% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate - up to £3,000	12% / 12.68% EAR	0% / 0% EAR
Arranged overdraft interest rate - over £3,000	7.75% / 8.03% EAR	7.75% / 8.03% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate - over £3,000	19.75% / 21.64% EAR	7.75% / 8.03% EAR
<b>IPLS borrowing</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	2.25% / 2.27% EAR	2.25% / 2.27% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	14.25% / 15.22% EAR	2.25% / 2.27% EAR
<b>Elective and Intercalated borrowing</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	1.75% / 1.76% EAR	1.75% / 1.76% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	13.75% / 14.65% EAR	1.75% / 1.76% EAR

## Accounts no longer on sale (but may be held by existing customers)

Current accounts that do not pay interest	Current	New
Arranged overdraft interest rate	14.75% / 15.79% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	26.75% / 30.27% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
<b>Personal accounts for solicitors</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	Agreed (max 14.75%) / 15.79% EAR)	Agreed (max 29.75% / 34.16% EAR)
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	Agreed rate + 12% surcharge interest (max 26.75% / 30.27% EAR)	Agreed (max 29.75% / 34.16% EAR)
<b>Gold Card Account</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	0.75% / 0.75% EAR	0.75% / 0.75% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	12.75% / 13.52% EAR	0.75% / 0.75% EAR
<b>Clear Account (Great Britain)</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	13.50% / 14.37% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	28.50% / 32.53% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR
<b>Every Day Saver</b>		
Arranged overdraft interest rate	n/a	n/a
Unarranged overdraft interest rate	28.75% / 32.86% EAR	29.75% / 34.16% EAR

The overdraft rates quoted are based on a Bank of Ireland UK Base Rate of 0.75% which is correct as at 31 December 2019.

You can use our overdraft cost calculator on [bankofirelanduk.com/overdrafts](http://bankofirelanduk.com/overdrafts) to work out how much interest you might pay.

If you are charged unarranged fees or interest – we are also reducing the cap of how much you pay each month.

A maximum monthly charge\* caps the amount of money we can charge you in unarranged overdraft fees and interest in any given month at £80. From 6 April 2020 we will reduce the maximum monthly charge from £80 to £30 per month.

\* Monthly cap on unarranged overdraft charges

### **1. Each current account will set a monthly maximum charge for going:**

- (a) overdrawn when you have not arranged an overdraft; or
- (b) over/past your arranged overdraft limit (if you have one).

### **2. This cap covers any:**

- (a) interest and fees for going over/past your arranged overdraft limit;
- (b) fees for each payment your bank allows despite lack of funds; and
- (c) fees for each payment your bank refuses due to lack of funds.

**The changes above mean that from April 2020 you can reduce the amount of unarranged charges you pay and will never pay more than £30 in a month.**

# Read all about it

We are updating the following documents to reflect these changes:

## Northern Ireland customers

- ▶ Personal Current Account Charges Explained
- ▶ Student Account Charges Explained
- ▶ Rates and Products Guide
- ▶ Overdraft terms and conditions

## Great Britain customers

- ▶ Schedule of Charges for personal customers
- ▶ Overdraft terms and conditions

The updated versions will be effective 6 April 2020. And will be available from 29 February to download from our website [bankofirelanduk.com](http://bankofirelanduk.com) or from any of our branches in Northern Ireland.