

Welcome to your new Co-operative Members' credit card

The **co-operative** bank



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. But it's much more than just words - it makes a real difference to the planet, people and communities we work with.

Our Ethical Policy is built on the following three pillars:



We tackle the climate crisis

Protecting our environment has always been a cornerstone of our Ethical Policy. We will work to tackle climate change and reverse the decline in biodiversity.

And that's why we've refused to provide banking services to businesses involved in fossil fuel extraction since 1998.



We campaign for change

We are committed to acting in a way that helps individuals to live freely, equitably and safely. This includes how we treat our customers and colleagues and our support for human rights and equality around the world.

We'll always take action on the issues that matter to our customers, such as homelessness, domestic abuse and human rights - standing up for those who need it the most.



We demand a fairer society

We are committed to being a good local, corporate and world citizen, working to improve all communities. We commit to making them stronger and more resilient, with economic and social opportunities for their members and will campaign for wider change when needed.

We are proud to continue to support and play an active role in the co-operative movement, working to create a fairer and more co-operative economy that works for both people and the planet.

Our customers tell us that they choose to bank with us because of our ethical approach. For more information about our Ethical Policy, search:
Co-operative Bank 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 existing rate if you miss or submit a late payment, but we will 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.

VISA



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	1p for every £2 spent [^] (0.5 % of the amount spent)
Purchases where the Visa symbol is displayed	1p for every £3.33 spent ^{^^} (0.3 % of the amount spent)

[^]Excluding in-store concessions ^{^^}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 up to your credit limit 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, as long as you pay off the balance in full by the due date, 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**

Under the Consumer Credit Act you may benefit from extra protection on credit card purchases over £100 and up to £30,000. This means that you may be entitled to a refund if something goes wrong – 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 payments of up to £100, paying by Contactless is quicker and easier than Chip and PIN. Simply touch your card to the reader and wait for the beep. In some instances for increased security, you will be asked to pay by chip and pin.

✓ **Mobile wallet**

You don't always need to carry your cash and card with you when you're out and about. You can make mobile payments on the go with ^{**}Apple Pay, Google Pay and Samsung Wallet. Store your cards within the app, like a virtual wallet, and use them just like your contactless card.



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 balance transfers (unless you have a 0 % promotional or introductory offer period).
- There is no interest-free period for cash withdrawals.

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.

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How interest is charged on purchases when you've done a balance transfer

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 payment to reach your account. Please refer to the ‘Timings for payments to reach your account’ on page 10, for timings you should allow for a payment to clear. If your payment clears after your payment due date, you will be charged interest on all transactions shown on your statement, calculated from the date each transaction was added to your account until full payment is made and credited to your account. Please note that this will happen even if you had paid your previous statement balance in full and on time.

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. Simply call us on **0345 600 6000***, or download the Direct debit mandate form from our website.

Money-saving tip

If you’ve set up a Direct Debit for the minimum payment, you can pay additional amounts by phone, online banking, mobile banking or cheque.



Mobile banking app

If you've signed up to our mobile banking app on your Co-operative Bank current account, you can simply make your payment using the app. If you've registered for the mobile app with another provider, you can pay using the sort code and account number in the box below.

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.

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 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday).

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 an envelope addressed to:

'Freepost Co-operative Bank Cheques' (no stamp required)

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

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

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/onlinebanking/registration 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.
- **Telephone banking** – our UK-based advisers are available by phone, 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.
- **In branch** – come in and see us in person at branches across the UK. Find out your nearest branches opening hours here co-operativebank.co.uk/help-and-support/contact-us/branch-finder/

Add additional cardholders

You can add an additional cardholder to your account by completing and returning the form that can be downloaded here co-operativebank.co.uk/customerservices/managingyouraccount/useful-forms 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)	3% of value, minimum of £3
Copy statement	£2.50 per statement (with a cap of £10 for each request)
Balance transfer fee	Please refer to your terms and conditions
Late payment	£10
Going over the credit limit, even if we allow it	£10
Payment returned unpaid	£10

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 free at any of the following credit reference agency websites:

www.equifax.co.uk

www.transunionstatreport.co.uk

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 Support Team as soon as possible. We understand that sometimes people struggle to stay on top of their finances. If you're worried about bills or struggling to make payments, we can help.

To speak to a member of our team, call **0345 600 6000***

*Lines are open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday). 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.



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: co-operativebank.co.uk/travel
One or more of the following will apply:	
Currency Conversion Charge	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 Currency Conversion Charge.)	



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***.

Visa Secure

The Visa Secure scheme makes using your card 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 use your card to make an online purchase, you may be asked to verify your identity. You'll need your Visa Secure password and a one-time passcode that we will send to the mobile number we have registered for you, simply follow the on-screen instructions.

(!) Please ensure we have the up to date UK mobile number for you, and any additional card holders.



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).

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

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 verification codes. Never tell anyone these, not even us!
 - Ask you to move your money to a new or 'safe' account.
 - Ask you to download software on to your computer or mobile in order to access it remotely. If you're ever asked to do this, it's a scam!
 - 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

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/onlinebanking/open-banking

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, email complaints@co-operativebank.co.uk or write to: Customer Response, The Co-operative Bank p.l.c., 5th Floor, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP. If you email us, please provide your name and daytime contact number where we can contact you between the hours of 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 1pm Saturday.

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 **0800 023 4567*** or visit: 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**. 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	1p for every £2 spent [^] (0.5 % of the amount spent)
Purchases where the Visa symbol is displayed	1p for every £3.33 spent ^{^^} (0.3 % of the amount spent)

^{*}Excluding in-store concessions ^{^^}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**



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



Got a query or need more information?



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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Visit us in branch.
Find your nearest branch at:
co-operativebank.co.uk/branch

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

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*Calls to 03 numbers from a UK landline cost up to 16p per minute and from a mobile cost between 3p and 65p if outside any inclusive minutes. Calls to 0800 and 0808 numbers are free from landlines and mobiles. Charges for calls made outside of the UK will be determined by your local provider. Calls may be monitored or recorded for security and training purposes. Information correct as at 01/2025.

