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Interest rates

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Section 1: Personal current accounts and Northern Re:pay

1a When your account is in credit

When your account is in credit, we pay you credit interest. We work out the amount of interest each day based on your cleared credit balance (see section 7) and credit it to your account every three months at the end of March, June, September and December. The interest rate can change and we set out in section 6 how we will tell you when the rate changes.

The interest rates on these accounts can vary and are currently as shown below.

	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Northern Personal Access	0.20%	0.25%	0.25%
Northern Discovery	1.00%	1.25%	1.26%
Northern Freedom	1.00%	1.25%	1.26%
Northern Choice	1.20%	1.50%	1.51%
Northern Choice Plus	2.40%	3.00%	3.03%
Northern Prestige	2.80%	3.50%	3.55%
Northern Re:pay	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%

This brochure sets out information on interest rates.

All interest rates quoted are variable and the information is correct as at 1 July 2008.

The Northern Bank Base Rate (NBBR) is currently 5.00%

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Personal current accounts no longer on sale

The following products are no longer on sale.

The interest rates on these accounts can vary and are currently as shown below.

	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Current Account Plus	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
CashMaster account	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
Principal account	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
ChequeMaster account	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
Student account	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
Graduate account	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%
Current account	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CashMaster Basic	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%

AER stands for 'annual equivalent rate'.

See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

1b When your account is within your agreed overdraft limit

If you need an overdraft on your account, you should first discuss this with a member of staff at your branch. If you have an agreed overdraft in place, we work out debit interest each day based on your cleared debit balance (see section 7). This is known as 'authorised debit interest'. Please see our leaflet 'Fees and Charges Explained (Offsale Personal Current Accounts)' for details of fees and charges that may also apply. Overdrafts are not available on Northern Personal Access or Northern Discovery. If you have a Northern Personal Access account and you need an overdraft (and you are over 18), you should talk to us about changing to a different type of current account.

Charging debit interest

If you are due to pay debit interest, before we charge the interest to your account we will write to you at the end of each calendar quarter (that is, the end of March, June, September and December) and tell you the amount that we will charge and when. When we work out the amount of debit interest, we will take into consideration all transactions on your account up to the last day of the quarter. We charge interest to your account on the 12th working day (see section 7) of the following months in April, July, October and January.

Debit interest rate

The rate for debit interest can vary and is currently as shown below.

	Debit interest rate	Authorised debit interest rate (EAR)
Northern Personal Access	Does not apply	Does not apply
Northern Discovery	Does not apply	Does not apply
Northern Freedom	0.00%	0.00%
Northern Choice	7.49%	7.70%
Northern Choice Plus	7.49%	7.70%
Northern Prestige	Negotiable	Negotiable

EAR stands for 'effective annual rate'.

See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

Northern Re:pay

Amount of original loan	Debit interest rate	Overall cost for comparison (APR)
Northern Re:pay variable rate	6.34%	6.9%
Tier 1 - £50,000 to £99,999	6.34%	6.9%
Tier 2 - £100,000 to £149,999	6.09%	6.4%
Tier 3 - £150,000 to £199,999	5.79%	6.1%
Tier 4 - £200,000 and over	5.79%	6.0%

APR stands for 'annual percentage rate'.

See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

If you go over the limit which appears on your monthly statement for your Northern Re:pay account, we will charge you an extra 2%, above the rate shown above, for this excess amount or unpaid interest.

Personal current accounts no longer on sale

The interest rates on these accounts can vary and are currently as shown below.

	Debit interest rate	Authorised debit interest rate (EAR)
Current Account Plus	11.49%	11.99%
CashMaster account	7.49%	7.70%
Principal account	Negotiable	Negotiable
ChequeMaster account	7.49%	7.70%
Student account	0.00%	0.00%
Graduate account	0.00%	0.00%
Current account	7.49%	7.70%

EAR stands for 'effective annual rate'.

See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

In section 6, we set out how we will tell you when the rate changes.

If the authorised debit interest that you have to pay is less than £1, we do not charge this interest.

1c When your account is outside your agreed overdraft limit or is overdrawn and you have no agreed overdraft in place

Unauthorised debit interest

If you go beyond your agreed overdraft limit, or have a debit balance with no overdraft, we will charge you 'unauthorised overdraft debit interest'. We work out the unauthorised overdraft debit interest each day based on your cleared debit balance (see section 7).

If you have an agreed overdraft, we only work out the unauthorised overdraft interest rate on the amount by which you are above your agreed overdraft limit.

When we charge debit interest

If you are due to pay debit interest, before we charge the interest to your account we will write to you at the end of each calendar quarter (that is, the end of March, June, September and December) and tell you the amount that we will charge and when. When we work out the amount of debit interest, we will take into consideration all transactions on your account up to the last day of the quarter. We charge interest to your account on the 12th working day (see section 7) of the following months in April, July, October and January.

Unauthorised overdraft debit interest rate

The rate for unauthorised debit interest can vary and is currently as shown below.

	Debit interest rate	Unauthorised debit interest rate (EAR)
Northern Personal Access	Does not apply	Does not apply
Northern Discovery	Does not apply	Does not apply
CashMaster Basic	Does not apply	Does not apply
All other personal current account products	15.00%	15.87%

EAR stands for 'effective annual rate'.

See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

If the unauthorised debit interest that you would have to pay is less than £1, we do not charge this interest.

In section 6, we set out how we will tell you when the interest rate or fees change.

Please see our leaflet 'Fees and Charges Explained (Personal Current Accounts)' for details of fees and charges that may also apply.

It is possible to ask us to send you text messages (10p for each text, although extra charges may apply from your service provider) or e-mail messages (or both) to let you know when your balance falls below an agreed level. This can help you manage your account and keep within your agreed overdraft limit, or stay in credit if you have no overdraft in place.

Section 2: Personal savings accounts currently on sale

The following table sets out the main features of our variable-rate savings accounts.

Account	Minimum balance	Age	When is interest paid?	Can I access the account using internet and telephone banking?	Can I access the account in my branch?	Special features
Northern Prestige Savings Account	£1	18 and over	In October each year	Yes	No	Available only to customers who have a Northern Prestige current account
Northern Choice Plus Savings Account	£1	18 and over	In October each year	Yes	No	Available only to customers who have a Northern Choice Plus current account
Savings Account Plus	£1	16 and over	In October each year	Yes	No	Available to customers who have any Northern current account
Junior Savings	£1	16 and Under	In October each year	Yes	Yes	
Midas Gold	£1	50 and over	Either every month or in October each year	Yes	Yes	Midas Gold customers are entitled to commission-free traveller's cheques and free safe custody
Summit	£1	18 and over	In October each year	Yes	Yes	
Cash ISA	Does not apply	16 and over	In December each year	Yes (account information only)	Yes	Maximum amount that can be paid into a Cash ISA each tax year is £3,600. If you are also paying into a Stocks and Shares ISA, the overall total you can pay in to both is £7,200 in each tax year. Other terms and conditions apply.

If you have given us a valid Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) declaration form to tell us that you are not a UK resident, we will not pay interest on balances below £10,000, except in the case of a Cash ISA where interest is paid no matter what the balance in the account.

Interest rates on the above accounts are variable and the current rates are set out below.

All credit balances	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Northern Prestige savings account	3.96%	4.95%	4.95%
Northern Choice Plus savings account	3.76%	4.70%	4.70%
Savings Account Plus	3.56%	4.45%	4.45%
Junior savings account	3.80%	4.75%	4.75%
Cash ISA	Does not apply	5.00%	5.00%

Midas Gold Yearly Interest and Midas Gold Monthly Interest

Interest on these accounts will depend on the amount you hold in the account

Amount	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER) for Midas Gold Yearly Interest	Credit interest rate (AER) for Midas Gold Monthly Interest
Under £2,000	1.72%	2.15%	2.15%	2.17%
£2,000 to £4,999	1.72%	2.15%	2.15%	2.17%
£5,000 to £9,999	2.28%	2.85%	2.85%	2.89%
£10,000 to £24,999	2.44%	3.05%	3.05%	3.09%
£25,000 to £99,999	2.52%	3.15%	3.15%	3.20%
£100,000 to £249,999	3.12%	3.90%	3.90%	3.97%
Over £250,000	3.24%	4.05%	4.05%	4.13%

Summit

Interest on this account will depend on the amount you hold in the account.

Amount	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Under £500	1.20%	1.50%	1.50%
£500 to £1,999	1.32%	1.65%	1.65%
£2,000 to £24,999	1.32%	1.65%	1.65%
£25,000 to £99,999	2.20%	2.75%	2.75%
£100,000 to £249,999	2.48%	3.10%	3.10%
Over £250,000	2.60%	3.25%	3.25%

Personal Fixed Term Deposit accounts

We offer a number of competitive Fixed Term Deposit accounts with a range of terms, from one week to five years. The rates on Fixed Term Deposit accounts change from time to time. Please ask at any Northern Bank branch for details.

Section 3: Personal savings accounts that are no longer on sale

Summit Extra savings account

The interest rates on these accounts are variable and will depend on the amount you hold in the account.

Amount	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Under £2,000	1.20%	1.50%	1.50%
£2,000 to £9,999	2.24%	2.80%	2.80%
£10,000 to £24,999	2.44%	3.05%	3.05%
£25,000 to £49,999	2.76%	3.45%	3.45%
£50,000 to £99,999	2.76%	3.45%	3.45%
£100,000 to £249,999	3.04%	3.80%	3.80%
Over £250,000	3.32%	4.15%	4.15%

Saverplus Account

The interest rates on these accounts are variable and will depend on the amount you hold in the account.

Amount	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Under £100	0.60%	0.75%	0.75%
£100 to £999	0.60%	0.75%	0.75%
£1,000 to £1,999	0.60%	0.75%	0.75%
£2,000 to £9,999	0.60%	0.75%	0.75%
£10,000 to £24,999	0.60%	0.75%	0.75%
£25,000 to £49,999	1.28%	1.60%	1.60%
£50,000 and over	1.28%	1.60%	1.60%

The rates on the following savings products are fixed and these products are no longer on sale.

Account	Balance	Interest rate	
		Gross	AER
Savings Account	Under £1,000	0.10%	0.10%
	£1,000 to £9,999	0.10%	0.10%
	£10,000 to £24,999	0.10%	0.10%
PAWS Club	£25,000 and over	0.25%	0.25%
	Under £100	0.10%	0.10%
	£500 to £999	0.10%	0.10%
	£1,000 and over	0.10%	0.10%

Rates on the above accounts have been fixed since 01 May 2004.

Section 4: Non-personal current accounts

4a When your account is within your agreed overdraft limit

If you need an overdraft on your account, you should first discuss this with a member of staff at your branch. If you have an agreed overdraft in place, we work out debit interest each day based on your cleared debit balance (see section 7). This is known as 'authorised debit interest'.

Debit interest rate

The authorised debit interest rate on your overdraft is linked to the Northern Bank Base Rate (NBBR) and was set out in the facility letter you received when we set up your current overdraft.

In section 6, we set out how we will tell you when the rate changes.

If the authorised debit interest that you have to pay is less than £1, we do not charge this interest.

Please see our leaflet 'Fees and Charges Explained (Non-personal Current Accounts)' for details of fees and charges that may also apply.

4b When your account is outside your agreed overdraft limit or is overdrawn and you have no agreed overdraft in place

Unauthorised debit interest

If you go beyond your agreed overdraft limit, or have a debit balance with no overdraft, we will charge you 'unauthorised overdraft debit interest'. We work out the unauthorised overdraft debit interest each day based on your cleared debit balance (see section 7). If you have an agreed overdraft, we only work out the unauthorised overdraft interest rate on the amount by which you are above your agreed overdraft limit.

Unauthorised overdraft debit interest rate

The rate for unauthorised debit interest can vary and is currently as shown below.

	Debit interest rate	Unauthorised debit interest rate (EAR)
Northern Business Access	15.00%	15.87%
Northern Enterprise	15.00%	15.87%
Northern Enterprise Plus	15.00%	15.87%
All other non-personal current account products	NBBR + agreed margin (set out in your in facility letter)	Negotiable

EAR stands for 'effective annual rate'. See section 7 for an explanation of what it means.

NBBR stands for 'Northern Bank Base Rate'. The current rate is shown on page 1 of this brochure.

If the unauthorised debit interest that you would have to pay is less than £1, we do not charge this interest.

In section 6, we set out how we will tell you when the interest rate or fees change.

Please see our leaflet 'Fees and Charges Explained (Non-personal Current Accounts)' for details of fees and charges that may also apply.

4c When we charge debit interest

If you are due to pay debit interest, either authorised or unauthorised, before we charge the interest to your account we will write to you at the end of each calendar quarter (that is, the end of March, June, September and December) and tell you the amount that we will charge and when. When we work out the amount of debit interest, we will take into consideration all transactions on your account up to the last day of the quarter.

We charge interest to your account on the 12th working day (see section 7) of the following months in April, July, October and January.

Section 5: Business Investment Account

Interest on this account is applied every three months at the end of March, June, September and December.

The interest rates on this account are variable and will depend on the amount you hold in the account. The current rates are shown below.

Amount	Net interest rate	Gross interest rate	Credit interest rate (AER)
Under £1,000	1.40%	1.75%	1.76%
£1,000 to £1,999	1.40%	1.75%	1.76%
£2,000 to £9,999	1.48%	1.85%	1.86%
£10,000 to £24,999	1.80%	2.25%	2.27%
£25,000 to £49,999	1.84%	2.30%	2.32%
£50,000 to £249,999	2.08%	2.60%	2.63%
Over £250,000	2.76%	3.45%	3.49%

Customers who have Northern Enterprise or Northern Enterprise Plus accounts can receive an extra 0.25% on the standard Business Investment interest rates shown above.

Business Fixed Term Deposit Accounts

For full details on our range of Business Fixed Term deposit accounts, contact your Business Manager or any Northern Bank branch.

Section 6: How we tell you about changes to interest rates

Interest rates can change at any time. We will publish any changes to interest rates by displaying notices in our branches and in the press within three working days of the change coming into force. The newspapers that we usually use are the Belfast Telegraph or the News Letter or Irish News (or all of them). Interest rates and any changes to the interest rate on your current account are shown on your current account statement. You can also get information on interest rates from any Northern Bank branch or by visiting our website at www.northernbank.co.uk.

Section 7: Explanation of some of the terms we have used and information on the Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Cleared balance

When you pay a cheque (in pounds sterling) into your account, it will usually begin to earn interest after two working days. This is the 'cleared balance'. For example, if you pay a cheque into your account on a Monday, it will begin to earn interest on Wednesday. Full details are available with the terms and conditions of your account.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

We, Northern Bank Limited, are a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) set up under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our responsibilities. Most people who make deposits, including individuals and small firms, are covered.

For deposits you make with a UK bank, payments under the scheme are limited to 100% of the first £35,000 of your total credit balances with the bank.

You can get more details about the scheme from us or from the FSCS.

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Website: www.fscs.co.uk

Gross interest rate

The gross interest rate is the rate of interest we pay before taking off income tax at the rate set by law (currently 20%, except for Cash ISAs which are tax-free).

Net interest rate

The net interest rate is the gross rate less the tax at the rate set by law (currently 20%).

AER

AER stands for 'annual equivalent rate' and shows what the yearly rate of interest would be, after taking into consideration how often interest is added to the account.

EAR

EAR stands for 'effective annual rate' and is used to show the costs of borrowing. It takes into consideration the interest rate charged and how often the interest is applied to the account. It does not include any fees related to overdrafts.

APR

APR stands for 'annual percentage rate'. It aims to give people a more accurate idea of how much they are being charged when they borrow money. It allows people to compare the total cost of borrowing money for different types of loan, and lengths of time.

NBBR

NBBR stands for 'Northern Bank Base Rate'. It is the reference rate used in most lending to business customers.

Working day

A working day is any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday which is not a bank holiday in Northern Ireland.