

Virgin Easy Access Cash ISA



Key product information

Tax-free interest and no-notice access to your money

Here is some important information about the Virgin Easy Access Cash ISA to help you decide whether this account is right for you. You should read this sheet carefully together with the full Savings Terms and Conditions and keep it safe, so you can check it again if you need to. If you have any questions, just talk to us at your local Virgin Money Store or call us on **0845 600 1568***.

Key product information for our Savings Account				
Account Name	Virgin Easy Access Cash ISA Issue 7			
Interest rates (AERs)	Rates effective from 24 February 2014 on balances of £1+			
	Annual interest		Monthly interest	
	% Tax-free ¹	% AER ²	% Tax-free ¹	% AER ²
	1.50	1.50	1.49	1.50
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rates are variable.▪ Deposits are accepted for any amount from £1 up to the maximum investment, currently £5,940, which is the annual ISA allowance for this tax year (2014/2015). This does not include Cash ISA subscriptions transferred in from other providers or an existing Virgin Money Cash ISA, which are allowed. Subscriptions are not allowed to any other Cash ISAs in the same tax year that you subscribe to this Cash ISA.▪ Where the balance falls below £1, interest will be earned at the prevailing basic savings rate, currently 0.10% tax-free¹ p.a.			
Tax status	Interest will be paid tax-free ¹ .			
Conditions for bonus payment	Not applicable.			
Withdrawal arrangements	No notice. The minimum withdrawal amount is £1 (or less if closing).			
Access	Virgin Money Store [†] or post via Main Office.			

¹ The tax-free rate is the contractual rate of interest payable where interest is exempt from income tax.

² AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate and shows what the interest rate would be if interest was paid and added to the capital balance each year.



Important savings information

The Financial Conduct Authority is a financial services regulator. It requires us, Virgin Money plc, to give you this important information to help you decide whether our Cash ISA is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

You should read these Key Features with the terms and conditions, which contain more detailed information about how your ISA will work.

What is a Cash ISA?

The Individual Savings Account (ISA) is an account for savings and investments whereby any income and capital growth is free from UK personal Income and Capital Gains Tax. ISAs were first introduced by the government on 6 April 1999 and replaced the Tax Exempt Special Savings Account (TESSA) and Personal Equity Plans (PEPs).

The interest, income or profit received on an ISA are tax-free (this favourable tax treatment may not be maintained on the account depending on government regulation).

Your allowance can be spread across two types of ISA, Cash ISAs and Stocks and Shares ISAs. You may have a different provider for each component within the same tax year.

Types of ISA

There are two basic types of ISA available: Cash ISA and Stocks and Shares ISA.

Currently up to £5,940 per tax year (2014/2015) can be invested into a Cash ISA and up to £11,880 into a Stocks and Shares ISA. For example, you can invest:

- £5,940 into a Cash ISA and £5,940 into a Stocks and Shares ISA; or
- £0 into a Cash ISA and £11,880 into a Stocks and Shares ISA; or
- £2,000 into a Cash ISA and £9,880 into a Stocks and Shares ISA.

In any tax year you can only subscribe to one Cash ISA and one Stocks and Shares ISA.

How much can I save?

Minimum to open: £1

Minimum additional deposit: £1

Maximum deposit limit: Each tax year you can pay in up to your annual tax-free allowance, which is currently £5,940.

In addition to this you can also transfer previous Cash ISA subscriptions. If a deposit results in your account going over this limit we will return the additional funds to you. This does not include any interest you have asked to be added direct to your account.

Each customer can save up to a total of £2 million with Virgin Money.

Opening your account

Please note, we are required to confirm the identity of all customers who open an account. You may not be required to send proof of identity with your application as we may be able to verify your identity using our electronic identification system. However, you may be asked to supply identification at a later date.

- This account can be opened by UK residents aged 16 years and over
- You can only open an account individually – joint accounts are not allowed
- Accounts can be opened by an Attorney under a valid Power of Attorney or by a Court-appointed Deputy under a Court of Protection order, please note that for Court of Protection accounts for children, there are no minimum or maximum age requirements (excluding Cash ISAs where the child must be aged 16 or over).
- Crown employees serving overseas and those married to, or in a civil partnership with a Crown employee serving overseas are also able to invest in a Cash ISA
- By opening a Cash ISA you limit the amount of tax-free savings you can make in a Stocks and Shares ISA
- Add to your account at any time
- You can only subscribe to one Cash ISA in each tax year, up to the current tax-free savings allowance of £5,940 per tax year
- If you open your account by cheque and this cheque is returned unpaid, we may have to close your account and ask you to fill in a new application form. Any unpaid cheques will not count towards your subscription limit in that tax year

How often is interest paid?

Annual interest is paid on 30 November, and will be available the next business day.

Monthly interest is paid on the last day of each month, and will be available the next business day.

It can be added to your Virgin Easy Access Cash ISA, transferred into any Virgin Money account (except Cash ISAs or, if your existing terms and conditions do not allow) or paid into an account with another bank or building society.

As interest is paid tax-free, no Tax Deduction Certificate can be provided, although we can confirm the amount of interest paid on request.

Adding to your account

You can make a deposit to your account at any time by:

- cash – Virgin Money Store⁺ only;
- cheque (in the interests of security, please make your cheque payable to "Virgin Money plc, for the account of [insert account holder(s) name(s)]" and crossed "A/c Payee only"). Cheques drawn in foreign currency or drawn on a foreign address cannot be accepted;
- transfer from an existing Cash ISA with another provider;
- once we provide you with your account number you can arrange an electronic transfer (BACS, CHAPS, FPS or Standing Order) from your bank or building society account. If you open your account via the telephone you can only open with a nil balance.

The following details need to be quoted for a BACS, FPS transfer and Standing Order:

- Virgin Money sort code: 08-61-15
- Account number: 00000515
- Reference: your Virgin Money account number

The following details need to be quoted for a CHAPS transfer:

- Virgin Money sort code: 08-02-65
- Account number: 50048407
- Reference: your Virgin Money account number and your name; or

- transfer from an existing Virgin Money account, subject to the terms and conditions of that account;

There are limits on the amounts you can invest each tax year but access to your funds is not restricted except as detailed in this information. An ISA may become void if invalid contributions are made and we may transfer the account to a non-ISA account which may not pay the same interest rate as the current ISA.

Once you have reached your maximum investment limit for any tax year you will not be able to deposit more money after making withdrawals.

Under HMRC regulations if you do not make any deposits into a Cash ISA for a full tax-year (break in subscriptions), we are required to obtain a new application form from you before any additional deposits can be accepted.

Subscriptions are not allowed to any other Cash ISAs in the same tax year(s) that you subscribe to this Cash ISA, even if you have not used your full annual allowance(s).

If you are a UK resident but subsequently move abroad, your account can remain open and retain tax-free status. You can also continue to make subscriptions for the rest of the tax year. In later years, however, you cannot make further subscriptions unless you are a crown employee or married to, or in a civil partnership with, such a person.

Taking money out

On your written instructions and within a time stipulated by you, all or part of your Cash ISA funds and any earned interest can be transferred or paid to you (please refer to the Savings Terms and Conditions for further information).

Any funds withdrawn from a Cash ISA will lose their tax-free status. To ensure you retain this tax-free status, ISA funds must be transferred to another ISA.

Simply send your written instruction to our Main Office or you can take money out in the following ways:

- cash – Virgin Money Store⁺ only;
- cheque – simply complete a transaction slip and a cheque will be sent promptly to your correspondence address;
- electronic transfer – if possible, we will send your payment by FPS, meaning that we will debit your account the same day or on any future date for which you authorised the payment. The payment should reach your nominated account within a few hours but no later than the end of the next business day; or

- if you request a CHAPS withdrawal and we receive your authority and full instructions before 1pm on a business day, the money should be credited to your nominated bank or building society account the same day. A charge will be made for this type of transfer, please refer to Condition 11 within your Savings Terms and Conditions for details. The minimum you can withdraw by CHAPS is £250 up to the account balance.

To make a withdrawal by CHAPS please provide us with the following details:

- Virgin Money account number
- Amount to transfer
- Name of bank or building society where funds are to be transferred
- Valid sort code
- Account number
- Reference number (where applicable)
- Authority to debit the CHAPS transfer charge.

If you have a passbook, this must be presented to make withdrawals.

Transferring your existing Cash ISA

From another provider

If you wish to transfer to Virgin Money, all you need to do is complete an application form and send this together with a Cash ISA transfer authority form. We will then contact your current provider within five business days of the date of receipt and give our confirmation that we will accept the transfer and proceed to arrange the transfer of your funds (subject to the terms and conditions of your existing ISA). On receipt of the transfer from your existing provider we will credit the funds to your new Virgin Easy Access Cash ISA within three business days of the date of receipt. Interest will be earned from the date of the cheque, from the date the funds were sent to us by your existing ISA provider, or day 16 of the transfer process if earlier. Please note, however, under the ISA Regulations it can take up to 15 business days to complete your request to transfer your Cash ISA.

Subscriptions to a Cash ISA can be transferred to another Cash ISA, or to a Stocks and Shares ISA, but subscriptions to a Stocks and Shares ISA can only be transferred to another Stocks and Shares ISA.

Current year subscriptions must be transferred in whole, i.e. part transfers are not permitted.

Your existing ISA provider must transfer the funds directly into an ISA account with us.

From another Virgin Money ISA

These transfers will be processed at our Main Office normally within five business days.

To another provider

On your written instructions and within a time stipulated by you, all or part of your Cash ISA, with all its rights and obligations, can be transferred to another ISA provider in accordance with ISA regulations relating to transfers. Under the regulations subscriptions in the current year are treated differently from those in previous years. You may transfer any amount relating to previous year subscriptions. You don't have to transfer current year subscriptions as well, but if you do you must transfer the full amount. If you request an immediate transfer we will arrange the transfer within five business days of the date of receipt of both your instructions and confirmation from the new ISA provider they are prepared to accept the transfer. If you give notice we will arrange the transfer within five business days of the end of the notice period. Please note, however, under the ISA Regulations it can take up to 15 business days to complete your request to transfer your Cash ISA. There is no charge for the transfer but any transfers during the fixed rate period will be subject to a charge for loss of interest on the amount withdrawn as detailed earlier for your specific chosen product.

Can I cancel my Cash ISA?

If you are not happy with your choice of account within 14 days of depositing your ISA subscription, we will help you close your account and you will not lose your right to invest in another Cash ISA or Stocks and Shares ISA for that tax year. If you wish to take advantage of this 14-day rule, we must be advised in writing when you close your account and we will ensure that our reports to HM Revenue & Customs reflect the correct position. If you do cancel your account, the full amount of your investment, together with any interest earned will be returned to you.

Loss of tax-free status

It is important that we are able to fully verify your identity. If we do not receive the documents required to verify your identity, we must close your account and return any subscriptions made to the account holder, along with any interest earned which will be paid net of tax. You will be free to then open an ISA in this tax year with Virgin Money or another provider.

If the funds were transferred in directly from another Cash ISA provider, your funds will be returned to them and your Cash ISA will retain its tax-free status.

Keeping you informed

On opening your account, we will send you a Welcome Pack with details of your account number and opening balance. We'll also send a statement annually and on closure of the account.

Virgin Money Store accounts will receive a Passbook.

General Cash ISA information

ISA regulations

We will notify you if, by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the ISA Regulations, an ISA has or will become void.

We will operate your account in accordance with the ISA Regulations and may do anything necessary to comply with these, including changing your terms and conditions. If you die, tax will be due on any interest earned after the date of death and we may also have to transfer the account to a non ISA which may not pay the same interest rate. You must notify us of any change to residency, which will affect your ability to subscribe to the Cash ISA.

You will be and will remain the beneficial owner of the money in your Cash ISA account. You may not use your Cash ISA account as security for a loan. Your Cash ISA account may not be transferred from one person to another, held in trust or opened in the name of more than one person.

Power of Attorney

We may accept an application form (or a transfer application where an ISA is being transferred) completed and signed by someone legally appointed or authorised to act on behalf of a customer if the customer is not able to complete the application form by reason of:

- Mental disorder or incapacity;
- Physical disability, illness or infirmity; or
- Serving as a member of the armed forces on active duty in a war zone.

The person appointed to act on behalf of the incapable person may be:

- An attorney appointed under an Enduring Power of Attorney (created before 1 October 2007), or Lasting Power of Attorney for property affairs;
- A receiver or deputy appointed by the Court of Protection;
- Someone acting under a court order;
- Someone appointed by a sheriff under an intervention order;
- A guardian; or
- An attorney appointed under a Power of Attorney by a member of the armed forces.

The person appointed will have to produce to us a suitable formal document as evidence of their authority.

We accept the following as evidence that the customer is suffering from a mental disorder or incapacity or physical incapacity:

- The registered Enduring Power of Attorney or Lasting Power of Attorney documents or a certified copy of such;
- The appropriate court order; or
- A form BF57 for appointees.

In the case of a member of the armed services we require:

- The Power of Attorney documents or a certified copy of such; and
- Written or oral confirmation that the customer is incapable of making the application his or her self because he or she is a member of the armed forces on active service in a war zone.

These documents will be reviewed and recorded on our records.

An application form may also be completed and signed by the parent, guardian, spouse, civil partner, son or daughter of a customer who is suffering from a mental disorder.

In these cases we will:

- Request confirmation in writing that the customer is suffering from a mental disorder and the nature of their relationship with the customer (for example mother or wife); and
- Request documentation to show that the customer is suffering from a mental disorder. Documentation would include letters or payment books that prove that customer is entitled to disability living allowance, severe disablement allowance or Employment and Support Allowance.

Additional information

Whilst our ISAs offer attractive features, they are not based on Stakeholder Standards. Stakeholder Standards are benchmarks that have been set up by the Government to help customers identify simple and low-cost savings e.g. a minimum opening deposit of £10 and unlimited withdrawals.

Please also remember the tax advantages depend on your individual circumstances and the tax treatment of Cash ISAs may change in the future.

We are not able to give you advice on whether or not this product is suitable for you. If you need advice, you should contact a financial adviser.

Remember

This is the Key product information sheet as referred to in the Savings Terms and Conditions.

Please ensure that you have read the Savings Terms and Conditions before you open an account.

This account is classed as a non-payment account, which means making payments in and out of your account may be restricted. For example, you may have to give notice before being able to make a withdrawal.

Alternative format

If you require this in an alternative format such as Braille, large print, audio or require interpreter services, please call our Disability Awareness Team on 0191 279 5300. Lines are open 9am to 5pm business days and are charged at your service provider's prevailing rate. Alternatively, our text phone number is 0191 279 8505 or you can contact us at disability.awareness@virginmoney.com. These contact details should not be used for general enquiries relating to your account.

Important information about compensation arrangements

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The FSCS can pay compensation to depositors if a bank is unable to meet its financial obligations. Most depositors – including most individuals and small businesses – are covered by the scheme.

In respect of deposits, an eligible depositor is entitled to claim up to £85,000. For joint accounts each account holder is treated as having a claim in respect of their share so, for a joint account held by two eligible depositors, the maximum amount that could be claimed would be £85,000 each (making a total of £170,000). The £85,000 limit relates to the **combined** amount in all the eligible depositor's accounts with the bank, including their share of any joint account, and not to each separate account.

For further information about the compensation provided by the FSCS (including the amounts covered and eligibility to claim) please call us on 0845 600 1568*, ask at your local Virgin Money Store, refer to the FSCS website www.FSCS.org.uk or call the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100. Please note *only* compensation related queries should be directed to the FSCS.

Complaints

If you have a complaint, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can look into it for you. You can write to the Customer Relations Team, Virgin Money, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4PL or email customerrelations@virginmoney.com. If we aren't able to put things right to your satisfaction, you have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service for independent adjudication. If you'd like a copy of our Internal Complaint Procedures leaflet, this is available on request.

Lost and stolen account documentation

Please contact us if you suspect or discover that your details have been lost or stolen or you suspect fraud.

Call 0845 600 7301 or 0191 279 4405*

† Not all of our Stores can offer a full banking service. Any facility which is not available at your local Virgin Money Store, excluding cash deposits and general cash transactions, can be processed at our Main Office. Please refer to your local store for further details.

* Our UK-based contact centre is open 8am to 8pm business days, 8am to 4pm Saturday and 10am to 3pm Sunday. Calls are charged at your service provider's prevailing rate and may be monitored and recorded.

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