



## Opening a bank account

**This is some quick and easy advice about opening a bank account.**

To open a bank or building society account, you will usually have to:

- Fill in an application form.
- Provide proof of who you are (your identity) and your address.
- Put some money in the new account.



The bank or building society will usually want to check your identity and address. They will ask for documents that have a photo and, possibly, your signature. For example, this could be:

- an up-to-date full passport,
- an identity card, or
- driving licence.



If you do not have any of these documents, the bank or building society may ask for other proof of identity. To check your address, the bank or building society may ask for:

- a recent utility bill (for gas, electricity or water),
- a council tax bill, or
- if you are a student, a letter from your college.



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