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The interest rate and charges information set out below that applies to your product forms part of the terms and conditions that apply to your product.

Correct as at 03 August 2023 (unless stated otherwise)
Bank of England Base Rate 5.25\%

| Credit Cards |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold Card | representative 24.90\% APR variable |  |
| Credit Card | representative $\mathbf{2 4 . 9 0 \%}$ APR variable |  |
|  | Simple annual rate (1) |  |
|  | Purchases | Cash Advances |
| Gold Card | 22.476\% | 26.484\% |
| Credit Card | 22.476\% | 26.484\% | statement or contact us to find out your rate.

## Credit Card Charges

Cash Advances - 2.99\% handling fee, minimum £3.00 (includes cash withdrawals both in the UK and abroad, Internal Transfers, the purchase of foreign currency, travellers' cheques and certain Balance Transfers, but not gambling transactions).

Foreign usage $-2.99 \%$ of the amount of the non-Sterling transaction (a foreign currency) will be added as an adjustment to the exchange rate. Non-Sterling transactions are converted to Sterling by VISA using wholesale market rates applying on the day the conversion is made, usually the date the transaction is applied to your account. Visit visa.co.uk for more information.

Introductory Balance Transfers - 2.99\% of the amount transferred (minimum £5) within three months of account opening. Balance Transfers $-2.9 \%$ of each balance transferred, minimum £5.00.
Late payment fee - £12.00.
Over limit fee - £12.00.
Unpaid cheques and Direct Debits - £5.00.

| Personal Loan (2) | minimum \% APR | maximum \% APR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| amount |  |  |
| Loan amount: | $14.5 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| $£ 1,000-£ 2,499$ | $9.9 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ |
| $£ 2,500-£ 4,999$ | $7.4 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |
| $£ 5,000-£ 6,999$ | $6.6 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |
| $£ 7,000-£ 9,999$ | $6.4 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |
| $£ 10,000-£ 15,000$ | $6.4 \%$ | $13.9 \%$ |
| $£ 15,001-£ 30,000$ | $7.9 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| $30,001-£ 50,000$ |  |  |

## Flexiloan - No longer on sale

| amount | \% p.a. | representative \% APR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| up to $£ 10,000$ | $17.45 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ variable |

(1) The simple annual rate is the rate used for interest calculation purposes.
(2) The rate we may offer could be higher than the advertised annual percentage rate (APR). An approved rate will be based on our assessment of your personal financial circumstances, including a credit check should you choose to apply. The loan amount you request will also impact the rate offered.

For information only, product no longer on sale

| Offset Mortgage Standard Variable Rate (SVR) |  |  |  |  | Linked 1st Account and savings accounts |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Debit Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | Debit Interest | \% p.a. | Equivalent Credit Interest (1) | non tax payer | standard rate tax payer | higher rate tax payer |
| All debit balances Standard Variable Rate | 6.99\% | 7.2\% | All debit balances | 6.99\% | All credit balances (AER) | 7.22\% | 9.10\% | 12.29\% |

Mortgage rates correct as at 19 March 2024


| Offset Mort | Base Rate Tracker | aver | TV - | Linked 1st Account and savings accounts |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Debit Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Debit } \\ & \text { Interest } \end{aligned}$ | \% p.a. | Equivalent Credit Interest (1) | non tax payer | standard rate tax payer | higher rate tax payer |
| All debit balances | 6.69\% (1.44\% plus Bank of England base rate now 5.25\%) | 6.9\% | All debit balances | 6.69\% (1.44\% plus Bank of England base rate now 5.25\%) | All credit balances (AER) | 6.90\% | 8.69\% | 11.74\% |

Offset Mortgage Base Rate Tracker Fee Paying 60\% LTV - Existing Customer Linked 1st Account and savings accounts

| Debit <br> Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | Debit <br> Interest | \% p.a. | Equivalent Credit <br> Interest (1) | non tax <br> payer | standard rate <br> tax payer | tigher rate <br> tax payer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All debit balances | $6.59 \% ~(1.34 \%$ plus Bank of <br> England base rate now $5.25 \%)$ | $6.9 \%$ | All debit <br> balances | $6.59 \% ~(1.34 \%$ plus Bank of <br> England base rate now $5.25 \%)$ | All credit <br> balances (AER) | $6.79 \%$ | $8.56 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 5 5 \%}$ |

Offset Mortgage Base Rate Tracker Fee Paying 75\% LTV - Existing Customer Linked 1st Account and savings accounts

| Debit <br> Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | Debit <br> Interest | \% p.a. | Equivalent Credit <br> Interest (1) | non tax <br> payer | standard rate <br> tax payer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All debit balances | higher rate <br> tax payer |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| England base rate now $5.25 \%$ (1.34\% plus Bank of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fixed Rate mortgage funds are limited and rates vary according to each offer
Offset Mortgage 2 Year Fixed Fee Paying 60\% LTV - Existing Customer Linked 1st Account and savings accounts

| Debit Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | Debit Interest | \% p.a. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Equivalent Credit } \\ \text { Interest (1) } \end{array}$ | non tax payer | standard rate tax payer | higher rate tax payer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All debit balances 2 year fixed | 5.47\% | 7.0\% | All debit balances | 5.47\% | $\begin{gathered} \text { All credit } \\ \text { balances (AER) } \end{gathered}$ | 5.61\% | 7.06\% | 9.51\% |


| Offset Mort | Fixed | 75\% L | Exist |  | Linked 1st Account and savings accounts |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Debit Interest | \% p.a. | \% APRC | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Debit } \\ & \text { Interest } \end{aligned}$ | \% p.a. | Equivalent Credit Interest (1) | non tax payer | standard rate tax payer | higher rate tax payer |
| All debit balances 2 year fixed | 5.47\% | 7.0\% | All debit balances | 5.47\% | All credit balances (AER) | 5.61\% | 7.06\% | 9.51\% |

(1) Instead of receiving interest on your savings, your qualifying savings and current account balances are offset against your outstanding mortgage balance, so you only pay mortgage interest on the difference between the two.

Although you don't earn credit interest on your savings or current account, as an example you could effectively achieve the same overall benefit as an account paying $7.22 \%$ AER. These figures are based on our standard variable rate and you could receive a higher or lower equivalent rate depending on your current mortgage. Linked accounts could include 1st Account and Savings Account.

Interest is applied to the net debit position after the balances of all accounts linked with the Offset Mortgage have been aggregated. Credit interest is not paid on accounts linked with the Offset Mortgage. Linked accounts can include 1st Account and Savings Account. Fixed rate mortgage funds are limited and rates vary according to each offer.

Your interest rate will never be a negative figure.
Think carefully before securing other debts against your home. Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up your repayments on your mortgage.

## Sharedealing rates and fees

## Account Fee

$£ 10.50$ per quarter (inclusive of VAT). Account Fee payable in respect of each Investment Account, quarterly in arrears.
On the last business day of each quarter you will be charged an Account Fee. Calendar quarters run from January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December.
You will always hold a Taxed Account in order to pay the fee, but holding an ISA Account will be at no additional cost.
Online trades

- UK Equities
- Transactions in Euro
- Gilts

Telephone Trades

- UK Equities
- Transactions in Euro
- Gilts
- Frequent Trades - the first 9 trades within a calendar quarter are subject to the standard online or telephone charge as quoted above. All subsequent online trades (in UK equities only) during that calendar quarter will be subject to the frequent user charge.

Trading in Irish equities listed on the London Stock Exchange will attract commission in Euros. For specific details see our rates page at firstdirect.com/shares

## Trading Taxes and levies*

- UK Stamp Duty Reserve Tax on purchases of UK registered stocks settled by CREST (rounded up to the nearest 1p)
- UK Stamp Duty* - Non CREST eligible and CREST eligible residual stocks are subject to Stamp Duty of $0.5 \%$ (where total consideration is over $£ 1,000$ ) rounded up to the nearest $£ 5$.
- Irish Stamp Duty

French Financial Transaction Tax (FTT)
Italian Financial Transaction tax (ITT)
Spanish Financial Transaction Tax (SFTT)

## TM Levy (per transaction)*

- Panel on Takeovers and Mergers - UK equity trades over $£ 10,000$
- Irish Takeover Panel - Irish equity trades over $€ 12,500$


## Ancillary fees

- transfer of securities to another broker/share certificate in the customer's name
- duplicate statements (eg contract notes, Consolidated Tax Certificates/statements)
£15 per line of stock £10 + VAT

The value of shares can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you originally invested.

## Costs and Charges Disclosure

Below are the aggregated annualised costs based on an assumed investment amount of $£ 10,000$ and an annual growth rate of zero. A breakdown of these costs and charges is available on request. For Investment Trusts and Exchange Traded Funds where any further charges for the product applies, you will be supplied with the relevant Costs and Charges Disclosure Document (where applicable) ahead of any transactions.

| Cost Category | \% of Investment Account | Costs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total Service Costs | 0.42 | $£ 42.00$ |

We are required to display the total service costs as a percentage value of the total investment amount, based on an investment of $£ 10,000$ as an illustration. However, this is a set fee and will be the same regardless of the investment amount.
The below table provides an illustrative view of the cumulative impact of the Total Costs on the assumed investment amount over a period of 3 years with an assumed annual growth rate of zero. The Total Costs will have an impact on your investment return. Whilst performance cannot be guaranteed we are able to give you examples of how the charges will affect what you might get back.

|  | Costs (£) |
| :--- | :--- |
| What might you get back if there were no charges | 10,000 |
| What the cumulative costs could be | 126.00 |
| What you might get back after charges | $9,874.00$ |

The actual costs incurred may differ depending on your investment amount.
*Charges marked with a * are not set by first direct and are therefore outside of first direct's control. All other charges are set by first direct.

## Currency cut-off times

When you make a Priority Payment or SEPA payment, currency cut-off times will apply. The main European currency cut-off times are set out in the table below. if you are making a payment to a country that is not listed, you can call us on the usual numbers to find out if there is a cut-off time and what it is.

| Currency | Currency cut-off time | Currency | Currency cut-off time | Currency | Currency cut-off time | All cut-off times quoted refer to time in London. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Euro | 15.30 | Estonia EEK | 16.30 | Lithuania LTL | 16.30 |  |
| Sterling | 15.30 | Hungary HUF | 16.30 | Norway NOK | 16.30 |  |
| Bulgarian BGN | 16.30 | Iceland ISK | 16.30 | Poland PLN | 16.30 |  |
| Czech Republic CZK | 16.30 | Latvia LVL | 16.30 | Romania RON | 16.30 |  |
| Denmark DKK | 16.30 | Liechtenstein CHF | 16.30 | Sweden SEK | 16.30 |  |

$\dagger$ If calling from abroad +441132345678. For more information on contacting us via BSL video relay service or Next Generation Text Services (NGTX) visit firstdirect.com/accessibility
Because we want to make sure we're doing a good job calls may be monitored and/or recorded, we hope you don't mind.
Any calls that may or do lead to a transaction will be recorded. We will keep these records for seven years. You can ask for a copy at any time during those seven years.

## Fixed Rate Savings



## Savings Account



## Cash ISA

| Summary Box |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Account name | Cash ISA |  |  |
| What is the interest rate? | Balance |  | Interest Rate |
|  | £1+ |  | 2.85\% AER (2.81\% tax free) |
|  | Interest is variable, is calculated daily and credited monthly. |  |  |
| Can first direct change the interest rate? | Yes. The account pays a variable rate of interest, which means it can change over time. The first direct Cash ISA Terms and Conditions explain when and how we do this. For example, we might review the interest rate if the Bank of England base rate changes. |  |  |
| What would the estimated balance be after 12 months based on a $£ 1,000$ deposit? | Initial Deposit | Interest Rate | Balance at end of 12 months |
|  | £1,000 | 2.85\% AER (2.81\% tax free) | £1,028.50 |
|  | For the purpose of this calculation, it is assumed: <br> - initial deposit of $£ 1,000$ <br> - no additional deposits <br> - no withdrawals <br> - the interest rate remains the same during the 12 months. <br> Projection provided for illustrative purposes only and does not take into account individual circumstances. |  |  |
| How do I open and manage my account? | Eligibility <br> - you must hold a first direct 1st Account, our current account <br> - be aged 18 years or over <br> - in addition, in order to subscribe you need to be resident in the UK for tax purposes, or if not so resident, be a UK Crown employee serving overseas, or be married to, or in a civil partnership with, such a person. <br> How to open the account <br> - this account can only be opened in a sole name. <br> - open an account through the app, via online banking, or by post <br> - or you can transfer current and/or previous tax years' subscriptions by completing an ISA transfer form. <br> Minimum/Maximum Balance <br> - a minimum of $£ 1$ must be deposited to open the account <br> - the overall ISA subscription limit is $£ 20,000$ for the current tax year, within this the Lifetime ISA has it's own annual payment limit (currently $£ 4,000$ ). <br> you can only subscribe to one type of cash ISA and one type of stocks and shares ISA in the same tax year across HSBC and first direct. <br> - there is no maximum balance. <br> How to manage the account <br> - once opened the account can be managed via our App, Online Banking or phone. |  |  |
| Can I withdraw money? | Yes, you have instant access to your account. You can make as many fee free withdrawals as you like. However, any amount you have paid into your ISA will count towards your annual ISA subscription limit even if you later withdraw it. If you withdraw funds from your ISA you will lose the associated future tax benefits. |  |  |
| Additional information | A 30 day cancellation period applies to this account. <br> Interest is paid tax-free, that means it is paid free from UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. <br> The value of tax benefits provided by a cash ISA depend on your personal circumstances and tax rules may change in the future. <br> Definitions <br> AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate. This shows you what the gross rate would be if interest were paid and compounded each year. <br> ISA stands for Individual Savings Account. <br> Rates correct as at 10 August 2023 |  |  |

## Bonus Savings Account



## Regular Saver

| Summary Box |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Account name | Regular Saver |  |  |  |
| What is the interest rate? | Interest Rate |  |  |  |
|  | 7.00\% AER/Gross |  |  |  |
|  | Interest is fixed, is calculated daily and credited at the end of the 12 month fixed term. |  |  |  |
| Can first direct change the interest rate? | No, once your account is opened the rate will remain fixed. |  |  |  |
| What would the estimated balance be after 12 months based on 12 monthly deposits of $£ 25$ and $£ 300$ ? | Monthly Deposits | Total deposit at end of 12 months | Interest Rate | Balance at end of 12 months |
|  | £25 per month | £300 | 7.00\% AER/Gross | £311.38 |
|  | £300 per month | £3,600 | 7.00\% AER/Gross | £3,736.50 |

For the purpose of these calculations, it is assumed:

- monthly deposits of $£ 25$ or $£ 300$
- no withdrawals
- the interest rate remains the same during 12 months
- assumes 12 months of equal length.

Projection provided for illustrative purposes only and does not take into account individual circumstances.

How do I open and manage my account?

## Eligibility

- you must hold a first direct 1 st Account, our current account


## How to open the account

- open an account via our App or Online Banking.

Minimum/Maximum Balance

- the minimum deposit in month 1 is $£ 25$
- the maximum balance is $£ 3,600$ at the end of the 12 month term.

Regular Payments

- regular deposits must be made by standing order each month
- the minimum monthly deposit is $£ 25$ per month
- the maximum monthly deposit is $£ 300$ per month
- if you don't pay in the maximum allowed in any month, you can carry over any unused subscriptions and catch up in future months.


## How to manage the account

- once opened you can view your balance in our App or Online Banking. You can manage your account by phone.


## Can I withdraw money?

You can't make partial withdrawals.

If you choose to close your account before the end of the 12 month period you will receive interest up to the date of closure at our Savings Account variable rate.

At the end of the term, the balance of your account, together with the interest earned, will be paid into your sole Savings Account if you have one. If you don't, we'll convert your Regular Saver into a new Savings Account so you'll keep the same sort code and account number.

## Additional information

A 14 day cancellation period applies to this account.
We do not deduct tax from any interest paid to you.
Tax benefits depend on individual circumstances and could change in the future.
Definitions
AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate. This shows you what the gross rate would be if interest were paid and compounded each year.
Gross is the annual rate of interest before tax.
Rates correct as at 01 December 2022

## Stocks and Shares ISA

| Account name | Stocks and Shares ISA |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Credit Interest | Gross \% p.a. | AER |
| $£ 2,500$ and over | $0.00 \%$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| $£ 250-£ 2,499$ | $0.00 \%$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| $£ 1-£ 249$ | $0.00 \%$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |

AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate. This shows you what the gross rate would be if interest were paid and compounded each year.
Gross is the annual rate of interest before tax.

## Important notes

We're covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which can pay compensation to depositors if a bank is unable to meet its financial obligations. Most depositors are covered by the scheme and where necessary an eligible depositor can claim up to the current FSCS limit for deposits. For joint accounts, each account holder can claim their share so, for joint account held by two eligible depositors, each can claim up to the FSCS deposit limit ie $2 x$ the current FSCS deposit limit. The FSCS deposit limit applies to the combined amount in all the eligible depositor's accounts with us including their share of any joint account(s), not to each separate account.
first direct and HSBC are both trading names of HSBC UK Bank plc. Customers who hold deposits with both will only be eligible to make one claim, up to the FSCS deposit limit.

For further information about the scheme including the current limits, amounts covered and eligibility to claim please visit the FSCS website fscs.org.uk or call them on 02077414100 or 08006781100.

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