

# A Guide to the Best UK Business Bank Accounts

Are you looking for the most acceptable deal on your business bank account?

If your answer is yes, then keep reading to comprehend what the best UK banks are offering?

## What is the business Bank Account?

A business bank account is a little bit different from a personal account, as far as its functionality is considered. Business Account allows you to publish invoices, supports your accounting and tax return.

## Do you need a business bank account?

If you have registered your business as a limited company in the UK, in this situation, you should be using a business account for your transactions.

If you are an individual or a sole trader, e.g., Software developer, Website Designer, or researcher, in this case, you do not need any business account as your self-employment is not lawfully distinct from you.

## What do I need to open a business bank account?

As for general requirements are considered, the following is a list you need to open a business bank account:

1. Identity Proof (Can include Passport or a driving license)
2. Address Proof ( Utility Bills)
3. Basic information related to your business finance.

With the banks, the requirements can differ slightly.

How long does it take to open a business account?

This depends upon the two reasons:

1. How quickly you can get your documents.
2. How quickly the bank can verify you.

The period for opening a business account can vary from 15-minutes to 15 days, depending upon the reasons mentioned above.

## How to compare business bank accounts?

We can compare business bank accounts with the features they include and the free services they provide. The Support system for business banking switch is also considered in the comparison.

## Which business bank account, Should I go for?

The answer to the question varies with your business requirements. Your necessity can include, for example;

1. You are looking for an account that can allow you to process cheque transactions and cash in bulk.
2. Do you need a bank that can work with your marketing software?
3. An Account to separate my personal and business expenses.

4. An account that allows you to borrow some money with your business bank account.
5. An account that can earn any interest on your balance.

## HSBC

HSBC business bank account offers free business banking for the initial 12 months to its new customers and 18 months of free banking to new businesses. After that introductory period, your account will be costing 6.50 £s for the 12-month age. HSBC business account covers the tariff for the company having revenue of 2 million £s. It bears finance and borrowing opportunities. HSBC banking is also available through the Internet, telephone, and post offices. HSBC business account scored 52(of 100) in the performance report from the competition and market authority published in 2019.

## SANTAND

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With a STANDARD business bank account, you have multiple options on the bank account front.

### Business Current account

This one is only available to you if you have been trading for less than a year and you are opening your first business bank account with SANATANDAR. To qualify for the STANDARD business's current account, you must not have been excluded director of an unsuccessful business organization. Also, you must not have been stated bankrupt.

After the initial 1.5 years, the account costs 7.50 £s a month with a free limit of 1000 £s per month. An extra 70p is charged on every 100 £s exceeded over the monthly limit.

There is no minimum or maximum deposit requirement to get ongoing.

STANDARD is also awarded as the best business current account provider for the last few years.

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The eye-catching feature of this account is the cashback. The cashback depends on the deposits and will be at the percent rates of 1Pc, 2pc...and So on.

The account will be costing a monthly fee of 5 £s on both the switcher offer and the start-up.

Monthly limits are the same as the business current account.

## Lloyds/Bank of Scotland

Their business banking is suitable for new businesses as their accounts are built bendable to support companies to grow.

With the Lloyds bank account, you can enjoy the following free business banking services:

1. Electronic payments
2. Cash withdrawal at different machines.
3. Payments by debit card
4. Full customer support.

This business bank account also includes free banking for initial 1.5 years.

Their business grouping turnover varies over 25 million £s, under 3 million £s and between three to 25 million £s.

Lloyds business bank account scored 61(of 100) in the performance report published by the competition and market authority.

## **TIDE**

With the Tide business bank account, you are free from the:

1. Monthly or Annual fees.
2. A fee for card Usage.
3. The fee of transfers to Tide members.

However, it charges for the Non-Tide transfers and the cash withdrawals.

Besides all this, Tide's business bank account comes with the accounting software for the interactive banking solution. Through your app, you can also create and pay invoices instantly. Tide business bank account also offers value-added services, e.g., giving business instant credit up to 15000 £s.

You can avail up to 35 organizational members on a single tide MasterCard.

## **Barclays**

Barclay's businesses banking switch comes with Two different Plans:

1. Mixed Payment Plan.
2. Payment Plan.

A mixed payment plan is better for the businesses that need to make and receive payments that use cheques, cash, and various other methods. Payments Plan is a better solution for businesses that create and accept payments through online transactions. Barclays offers free electronic payments on this Plan. The account is available for the business with a turnover of up to 6.5 million £s. It also supports loans and other business services.

Barclay's bank account is also popular because of its Loyalty reward to get some proportion (As cashback) of the account fees. The bonus varies from 5% to 50% of the charges functional to the account.

It also offers particular criteria for the agriculture sector.

Barclay banking for business scored 61(of 100) based on the competition and market authority report in 2019.

## **ANNA**

The following are the basic free services with an ANNA business bank account.

1. ATM withdrawals are free.
2. Free of cost Transactions.
3. Free of cost subscription for the initial three months.
4. 24/7 Dedicated customer support.

Anna is not an In-branch service; it is just another latest solution for mobile banking. ANNA has monthly plans from 11 £s.

It also allows you to freeze and unfreeze your master card from your mobile application.

## **REVOLUTION**

REVOLUT offers you to exchange 24 currencies without any heavy charges. It also provides multicurrency cards. Revolut business bank account holders can use virtual cards (More Safer) for online payments.

It supports instant money transfers as it is fast. REVOLUT business bank account may be the ideal payment mode if you receive and transfer money in multiple currencies. It's free for the initial two weeks.

However, REVOLUT business bank accounts do not support Cash or Cheque deposits; it's online only. REVOLUT is the right choice for online businesses, but it lacks offline business features.

## **CASH PLUS**

Registering your business bank account on CASH PLUS is just a five-minute process. No extra documentation is required for the application. It also supports business MasterCard.

It costs an annual fee of 69 £s.

CASH PLUS is also awarded as the "Top challenger bank 2017" due to its faster and simpler payments. It is easy to manage from a mobile application.

## **CARD ONE BANKING**

Founded in 2007, Card One is not a banking system but an Authorized payment institution (API). It offers access to accounts through the Internet, telephone, and SMS. It is also partnered with BARCLAYS and offers money transfer services to Barclays business accounts. It provides dedicated support with its UK based call Centre. CARD ONE is the right choice for the business with a maximum turnover of 2 million £s per annum. It also offers free text alerts.

The business should choose the right bank accounts to achieve proper solutions to their requirements.