

Important Information About Cash Deposit Protection Limits

We are writing to remind you of the current protection limits that apply to cash deposits held with UK authorised banks and building societies.

Under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), eligible deposits are protected up to **£120,000 per person, per authorised institution**. For joint accounts, protection is typically up to **£240,000 per authorised institution** (i.e. £120,000 per account holder).

It is important to note that some banking brands operate under the same banking licence. In such cases, the £120,000 limit applies across the combined total held with those institutions. If you are unsure whether your deposits are spread across separately authorised banks, we can help you check this.

The UK banking system is subject to regulatory oversight and capital requirements. However, FSCS limits remain an important consideration for anyone holding significant cash balances with a single institution.

If you currently hold cash deposits above the FSCS protection limit with any one authorised bank, you may wish to review how those funds are structured. Options may include:

- Spreading deposits across multiple authorised institutions
- Considering joint account arrangements (where appropriate)
- Using National Savings & Investments (NS&I), which is backed by HM Treasury
- Assessing whether holding some funds outside of cash is suitable for your circumstances

Please note:

- Investments carry risk. The value of investments can fall as well as rise, and they may not be suitable for short-term liquidity needs.
- Cash remains appropriate for emergency funds and short-term expenditure planning.
- Any action should take account of your personal circumstances, liquidity needs and tax position.

This communication is provided for general information purposes only and does not constitute personal financial advice. If you would like us to review your cash holdings in the context of your wider financial plan, please let us know and we would be happy to arrange this.