

# Financial Services Compensation Scheme Fact Sheet

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme, the United Kingdom's deposit guarantee scheme was created to protect your money if your bank is no longer able to meet its financial obligations. Your eligible deposits with The Bank of London are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and this document tells you how it works, so it's important you read all parts carefully.

## Basic information about the protection of your eligible deposits

Eligible deposits in The Bank of London are protected by:	The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). <sup>1</sup>
Limit of deposit protection:	£85,000 per depositor per bank / building society / credit union. <sup>2</sup> Your bank is The Bank of London Group Limited, and we use the following trading names: Bank of London, The Bank of London, The Bank of London Group, and TBOL.
If you have more eligible deposits at the same bank / building society / credit union:	£85,000 all your eligible deposits at the same bank / building society / credit union are "aggregated" and the total is subject to the limit of £85,000. <sup>2</sup>
If you have a joint account with another person(s):	This limit applies to each person(s) separately. <sup>3</sup>
Reimbursement period in case of bank / building society / credit union failure:	20 working days. <sup>4</sup>
Currency of Reimbursement:	Pound Sterling (GBP, £).
To contact The Bank of London for enquiries relating to your account:	The Bank of London Group Limited. 100 Bishopsgate, City of London, EC2N 4AG, United Kingdom. E-Mail: <a href="mailto:fscs@thebankoflondon.com">fscs@thebankoflondon.com</a>
To contact the FSCS for further information on compensation:	Financial Services Compensation Scheme. 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU. Telephone: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100. E-Mail: <a href="mailto:claims@fscs.org.uk">claims@fscs.org.uk</a>
For more information:	<a href="http://www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### <sup>1</sup> SCHEME RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUR ELIGIBLE DEPOSIT

Your eligible deposit is covered by a statutory Deposit Guarantee Scheme. If insolvency of your bank/building society/credit union should occur, your eligible deposits would be repaid up to £85,000 by the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

### <sup>2</sup> GENERAL LIMIT OF PROTECTION

If a covered deposit is unavailable because a bank / building society / credit union is unable to meet its financial obligations, depositors are repaid by a Deposit Guarantee Scheme. This repayment covers a maximum of £85,000 per bank / building society / credit union. This means that all eligible deposits at the same bank / building society / credit union are added up in order to determine the coverage level. If, for instance a depositor holds a savings account with £80,000 and a current account with £20,000, he or she will only be repaid £85,000.

This method will also be applied if a bank / building society / credit union operates under different trading names. The Bank of London Group Limited also trades under Bank of London, The Bank of London, The Bank of London Group and TBOL. This means that all eligible deposits with one or more of these trading names are in total covered up to £85,000.

In some cases, eligible deposits which are categorised as “temporary high balances” are protected above £85,000 for six months after the amount has been credited or from the moment when such eligible deposits become legally transferable. These are eligible deposits connected with certain events including:

- A. Certain transactions relating to the depositor’s current or prospective only or main residence or dwelling;
- B. A death, or the depositor’s marriage or civil partnership, divorce, retirement, dismissal, redundancy or invalidity;
- C. The payment to the depositor of insurance benefits or compensation for criminal injuries or wrongful conviction.

More information can be obtained at: [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk)

### <sup>3</sup> LIMIT OF PROTECTION FOR JOINT ACCOUNTS

In the case of joint accounts, the limit of £85,000 applies to each depositor. However, eligible deposits in an account to which two or more persons are entitled as members of a business partnership, association or grouping of a similar nature, without legal personality, are aggregated and treated as if made by a single depositor for the purpose of calculating the limit of £85,000.

### <sup>4</sup> REIMBURSEMENT

The responsible Deposit Guarantee Scheme is the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU. Telephone: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100. E-Mail: [claims@fscs.org.uk](mailto:claims@fscs.org.uk). It will repay your eligible deposits (up to £85,000) within 20 working days until 31 December 2018; within 15 working days from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2020; within 10 working days from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023; and within 7 working days from 1 January 2024 onwards, save where specific exceptions apply.

Where the FSCS cannot make the repayable amount available within 7 working days, it will, from 1 June 2016 until 31 December 2023, ensure that you have access to an appropriate amount of your covered deposits to cover the cost of living (in the case of a depositor which is an individual) or to cover necessary business expenses or operating costs (in the case of a depositor which is not an individual or a large company) within 5 working days of a request.

If you have not been repaid within these deadlines, you should contact the Deposit Guarantee Scheme since the time to claim reimbursement may be barred after a certain time limit. Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In general, all retail depositors and businesses are covered by Deposit Guarantee Schemes. Exceptions for certain deposits are stated on the website of the responsible Deposit Guarantee Scheme. Your bank will also inform you of any exclusions from protection which may apply. If deposits are eligible, the bank shall also confirm this on the statement of account.

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## EXCLUSIONS LIST

A deposit is excluded from protection by FSCS's own rules if:

1. The holder and any beneficial owner of the deposit have never been identified in accordance with money laundering requirements. For further information, contact your bank, building society or credit union.
2. The deposit arises out of transactions in connection with which there has been a criminal conviction for money laundering.
3. It is a deposit made by a depositor which is one of the following: bank, building society, credit institution, credit union, financial institution, or investment firm insurance undertaking, reinsurance undertaking, collective investment undertaking, pension, or retirement fund<sup>1</sup>, public authority (other than a small local authority).
4. It is a deposit of a bank, building society, credit institution, credit union, financial institution, or investment firm to which itself is entitled.
5. It is a deposit which can only be proven by a financial instrument<sup>2</sup> (unless it is a savings product which is evidenced by a certificate of deposit made out to a named person and which existed in the United Kingdom).
6. It is a deposit of a collective investment scheme which qualifies as a small company.<sup>3</sup>
7. It is a deposit of an overseas financial services institution which qualifies as a small company.<sup>4</sup>
8. It is a deposit of certain regulated firms (investment firms, insurance undertakings and reinsurance undertakings) which qualify as a small business or as a small company.<sup>5</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EXCLUSIONS, REFER TO THE FSCS WEBSITE AT: [WWW.FSCS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FSCS.ORG.UK)**

<sup>1</sup> Deposits by personal pension schemes, stakeholder pension schemes and occupational pension schemes of micro, small and medium sized enterprises are not excluded.

<sup>2</sup> As listed in Part I of Schedule 2 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001, read with Part 2 of that Schedule.

<sup>3</sup> Under the Companies Act 1985 or Companies Act 2006.

<sup>4</sup> See footnote 3.

<sup>5</sup> See footnote 3.

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