



Your guide to ISAs

Get your skates on to take advantage
of your ISA allowance with NatWest



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Your ISA allowance is a great way to save or invest because any interest you earn from savings, or any gains you make from investing, are free from UK Income and Capital Gains Tax.

We offer three types of cash ISAs for saving, and one type of Stocks & shares ISA for investing.

Cash ISAs:

- Cash ISA
- Fixed Rate ISA
- Help to Buy: ISA

Stocks & shares ISAs:

- NatWest Invest

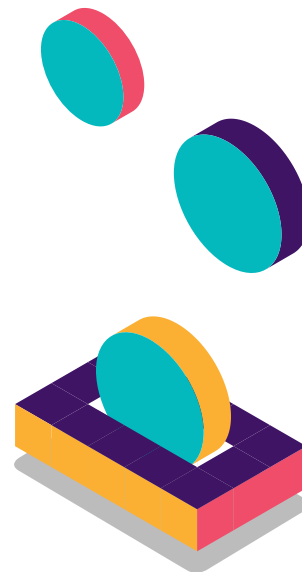


How ISAs work

ISAs: The Basics






There are four main types of ISAs available and we offer two of them:

- 1) Cash ISAs. Savings accounts where all interest earned is tax-free. This includes Help to Buy: ISA and although money paid into a Help to Buy: ISA counts towards your annual allowance, there are separate rules on how much you can pay in each month (see page 9 for details). Help to Buy: ISA is not available to new customers.
- 2) Stocks & shares ISAs. You can invest your ISA allowance in the stock market. They give you the potential opportunity to earn better returns than cash ISAs over the long-term, but as with any investment there is also a risk of losing money too.
- 3) Innovative Finance ISAs. These are peer to peer lending ISAs. We do not offer this type of ISA.
- 4) Lifetime ISA. A type of ISA for either savings towards your first home or retirement. We do not offer this type of ISA.



Get started at natwest.com/isa or come into branch.

The benefits of ISAs

				
Tax-free interest/gains	A new allowance every year	Flexibility	Transfer to suit you	It doesn't affect your tax return
<p>You don't pay tax on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – interest you earn on cash in an ISA – income or capital gains you earn from investments in an ISA. 	<p>The tax year runs from 6 April to 5 April the following year, and you get a new ISA allowance each tax year. The current annual ISA allowance is £20,000.</p>	<p>You can put your allowance into any of the different types of ISA. How you split it is up to you, provided you don't pay into more than one of each type of ISA and don't exceed the allowance.</p>	<p>You can transfer your ISA(s) from one provider to another. So, you could transfer an ISA from elsewhere to a NatWest ISA. If you want to transfer the current tax year savings you must transfer all of it. Just complete a transfer request and we'll do the rest.</p>	<p>If you complete a tax return, you don't need to declare any interest, income or capital gains on it.</p>

Under current legislation, specific tax treatment applies. Interest payable or tax treatment may be subject to change. It all depends on your individual circumstances. Tax-free interest means that interest payable is exempt from UK Income and Capital Gains Tax.

To have a NatWest cash ISA you must be 16 or over, resident in the UK and not have subscribed to any other cash ISA in the same tax year (except a NatWest Help to Buy: ISA), which runs from 6 April to 5 April in the next year.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Who can open an ISA?

You must be:

16 or over for a cash ISA

18 or over for a stocks & shares or innovative finance ISA

18 or over but under 40 for a lifetime ISA

resident in the UK

a Crown servant (eg diplomatic or overseas civil service) or their spouse or civil partner if you don't live in the UK.

Can I open an ISA for someone else?

No, you can't hold an ISA on behalf of someone else.

Can I open an ISA in joint names?

No, an ISA is an Individual Savings Account; however the good news is you can each have your own ISA.

Possible ways to use your ISA allowance

Example

1

You could save £8,000 in a cash ISA, £10,000 in a stocks & shares ISA and £2,000 in an innovative finance ISA in one tax year.

Example

2

You could save £20,000 in just one ISA, e.g. save it all in a cash ISA or a stocks & shares ISA.



Cash ISAs – in detail



Cash ISA

Put in and take out money whenever you like.

Get a variable rate of interest

Save

- from £1 up to £20,000 for the current tax year that starts on 6 April
(Less any money you've put into a different type of ISA in the same tax year.)

Pay money in easily

- with our mobile banking app
- online
- by phone
- in branch

Save regularly by setting up a standing order

Interest paid monthly

If you take money out of your NatWest Cash ISA, you can't put any back in if it will exceed your annual allowance.



Find out more at natwest.com/cashisa

Our mobile app is available to NatWest Online Banking customers with a UK or international mobile number in specific countries. Standard data download charges may apply.

Fixed Rate ISA

Leave your money untouched for a fixed term and know what you'll get at the end of it. You'll have peace of mind knowing your interest rate won't change during your chosen term.



Get a fixed rate of interest

- with a choice of one or two-year terms



Save

- from £1,000 up to £20,000 for the current tax year that starts on 6 April
(Less any money you've put into a different type of ISA in the same tax year.)



Pay in a lump sum before the start date

- you can't add more later

We will contact you 14 days prior to your term ending, so you can then decide what next to do with your savings.

You can't take out part of your savings during the fixed term. You can close your Fixed Rate ISA but there'll be an Early Closure Charge. The maximum charge is equivalent to 90 days' tax-free interest – however, you'll never get back less than you put in. So if you've earned less than 90 days' tax-free interest the charge will be equivalent to the interest earned up to that point.



Find out more at natwest.com/frisa

You can save in a Help to Buy: ISA and a regular NatWest Cash ISA in the same tax year

We're one of the few providers who allow you to do this.

Just make sure they're both with NatWest and between them your savings don't exceed the annual ISA allowance of £20,000 for the current tax year.

For example, if you put £2,000 in a Help to Buy: ISA during the current tax year, the maximum you could put in another NatWest Cash ISA is £18,000.



Your personal savings allowance

How does it work?

Your personal savings allowance is on top of the annual ISA allowance. It allows most UK taxpayers to earn tax-free interest on their savings. If you're a basic rate taxpayer, the first £1,000 of interest will be tax-free. For higher rate taxpayers the allowance is £500 and won't apply to additional rate taxpayers.

Should I save in a cash ISA?

Here's why you might want to start with one.

- Interest is tax-free with an ISA, no matter how much you earn
- You don't need to declare the interest on your tax return
- You can transfer from one ISA to another
- You can transfer the balances to your spouse or civil partner if you die, so they'll continue to earn interest tax-free
- You can save in both a Help to Buy: ISA and a cash ISA in the same tax year with NatWest



Stocks & Shares ISAs – in detail



NatWest Invest

NatWest Invest is all about making investing easy – invest online in minutes. Choose to make your own investment decisions, or if you're not sure what's best for you we can help with our fully automated advice service.

Three easy steps:



1. Log in/Register

**Log in or register
for Online Banking**



2. Choose how you want to invest






**Do it yourself – select how much
you want to invest, which fund to
invest in and how to use your ISA
allowance, or get our advice**



3. Make your investment

Complete your application

What is NatWest Invest?

-  **Invest using some or all of your ISA allowance.**
Tax-efficient growth on your money when you invest using your stocks and shares ISA allowance.
-  **Five ready-made investment funds ranging from low to high risk.**
Discover the fund that best matches your attitude to risk and investment goals.
-  **Start investing from just £50.**
Get going with just a £50 lump sum or build up gradually with a monthly standing order of £50 or more.
-  **Clear charges.**
We'll show you what charges you'll pay in pounds and pence.
-  **24/7 online access.**
Manage and keep track of how your investment is doing.

Charges:

No matter what fund you choose you pay the same low fees:

Fee type	% fee	£ fee Example of an investment valued at £10,000
Ongoing fund charge This covers the cost for managing your investment.	0.60% pa	£60pa
Platform charge This covers the cost of administration and online access to your NatWest Invest account.	0.35% pa	£35pa
Transaction costs	0.07% pa	£7pa
Total annual cost The total annual cost will be based on the value of your investment.	1.02% pa	£102pa

Eligibility Criteria:

To start with NatWest Invest you need to be:

- aged between 18 and 84
- permanently living in the UK
- registered with Online Banking

The value of investments can go down as well as up, so you could get back less than you invest.

Tax reliefs referred to are those applying under current legislation, which may change. The availability and value of any tax reliefs will depend on your individual circumstances.



Find out more at natwest.com/natwestinvest

Ready to get yours?

For more information or to open one of our ISAs:



Go to natwest.com/isa



Use our mobile banking app to open a cash ISA



Visit us in branch (Existing Current account holders only)



Call us on **03457 888 444**, option 2 Next Generation Text Service (NGTS): **18001 03457 888 444**
(Existing Current account holders only)

Lines are open 8am-8pm Mon-Fri and 9am-3pm Saturday

We might record your call.