

# **Business Cheque Account**

## **Product Schedule**

NB: This **Product Schedule** is specific to the above account and/or any facility made available with the account. Together with the Schedule you will be given our **Bankwest Investment and Transaction Accounts Terms and Conditions**, our **Bankwest Banking Services Rights and Obligations** brochure, our **Bankwest Your Guide to Banking Fees** brochure and our **Bankwest Account Access Conditions of Use**. Together these documents comprise the Bank's **Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)** for the account and/or facility.

#### Important Notice to Bankwest Customers

Bankwest is progressively closing its branches and expects all branches to be closed by the end of 2024. After the closure of branches, customers will no longer be able to access services which were only available at branches. The Business Cheque Account Product Schedule is being updated to reflect the progressive closure of Bankwest branches.

You can find the latest information, including proposed branch closure dates, your nearest face to face banking options as well as Frequently Asked Questions by visiting bankwest.com.au and searching for 'branch info'

Bankwest is progressively closing its branches. Effective 28 November 2024, Bankwest's Business Cheque Account Product Schedule dated 17 November 2023 is amended as set out below:

#### - Section 3.2 Transaction Fee

- o Delete the words 'any Bankwest-branded Branch,'
- Delete the words 'Fast Deposits and'
- o Delete the words '(which is charged as a branch transaction)'

This product is no longer available for sale.

## **1** About the Business Cheque Account

The Business Cheque account is an account for business customers that offers low bank fees and provides a rebate for credit balances maintained in the account. The account does not earn credit interest.

## 2 Features

#### 2.1 This account offers the following optional facilities:

- Bankwest Debit Cards;
- Bankwest Online Banking;
- BPAY®;
- Cheque Access;
- Business Debit Mastercard only available to Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents over 16 with an Australian residential address, (limited exceptions may apply subject to conditions);
- Direct Debit Facility;

- Online Business Banking;(from 18 March 2025, Online Business Banking will no longer be available.)
- Overdraft Facility;
- PayTo Service (when advised of service availability);
- Periodical Payments;
- Phone Banking; and
- Sweep Facility.

## 2.2 Online Business Banking – From 18 March 2025, Online Business Banking will no longer be available.

As a customer on this account, you may also be entitled to apply for our Online Business Banking service. If you apply for that service, you will be provided with a separate Product Disclosure Statement and your use of the service will be a matter of separate agreement with us. For further information, including information on how to apply, please go to our page at bankwest.com.au.

### 2.3 BPAY®

BPAY® provides and efficient and easy payment method 24/7 for your customers to pay directly into your nominated account through the flexibility of paying from their cheque, savings or credit cards accounts. Those payments are provided into your accounts as cleared funds. Separate fees are applicable for this service. As a customer on this account, you have the option of applying to become a Participating BPAY® Biller. If you apply for that service, your use of the service will be a matter of separate agreement with us. For further information, including information on how to apply, please email bpay@bankwest.com.au.

## 3 Fees and Charges

### 3.1 Maintenance Fee

A Maintenance Fee of \$7.00 per month will be charged to the account regardless of the minimum monthly balance.

This fee will not be charged in the month the account is opened.

## 3.2 Paper Based Fees

This account allows 5 free paper transactions per month.

Each paper transaction over the fee free limit will incur a \$0.60 fee.

A paper transaction is any customer or third party-initiated transaction made at any Bankwest-branded Branch, Bank@Post or via other paper-based means, including each deposit, withdrawal, cheque withdrawal and cheque deposited. Fast Deposits, and ATM deposits are included.

For example - A deposit to an account with two cheques will count as three transactions, one for the deposit (which is charged as a branch transaction) and one for each cheque lodged because each item requires individual processing.

Paper Based Fees are charged to the account on the first business day of the following month.

Additionally, one or more of the paper-based service fees described in our Bankwest Your Guide to Banking Fees brochure will also apply each time a paper-based service described in that brochure is provided. Each such service fee will apply regardless of whether a paper transaction fee described above is payable.

## 3.3 Electronic Fees

This account allows 5 free electronic transactions per month.

An electronic transaction is any transaction using electronic means that debits or credits the account.

Each electronic transaction over the fee free limit will incur a \$0.25 fee – however, this fee does not apply for an electronic transaction:

- made using Online Business Banking (which is subject to a separate agreement and separate fee regime); or
- where a Debit Mastercard is used and the "Credit" button is selected.

Electronic Fees are charged to the account on the first business day of the following month.

Additionally, one or more of the electronic based service fees described in our Bankwest Your Guide to Banking Fees brochure will also apply each time an electronic based service described in that

brochure is provided. Each such service fee will apply regardless of whether an electronic transaction fee described above is payable.

#### 3.4 Rebate

For each \$1,000.00 of the lowest credit balance held in your account during a month, you will be entitled to receive a rebate of \$1.50 which is set off against maintenance and transactions fees incurred in that month. There is no entitlement to a rebate where the credit balance falls below \$1,000.00 at any time during the month.

Note: The rebate cannot exceed the amount of such fees charged in the month.

#### 3.5 Line of Credit Fee

A Line of Credit Fee applies if:

- (1) the account has an authorised credit limit that has been quoted for 10 or more days during the fee raising period, whether the account is in debit or credit; or
- (2) the account is overdrawn during the fee raising period:
  - (a) by \$1,000.00 or more; or

(b) for 10 days or more, including non-business days, whether or not consecutive, by any amount:

and Bankwest elects to honour (pay) the transaction which overdraws the account.

The fee raising period is quarterly and the fee is debited to the account in arrears on the last business day of March, June, September and December or when the account is closed or limit is cancelled.

The amount of the fee is calculated using the scale below and is based on the greater of the authorised credit limit or overdrawn balance during the fee raising period.

Amount From	Amount To	Fee
\$0	\$500.99	\$0
\$501.00	and over	Minimum \$50 or 0.3% of the max credit limit or overdrawn balance.

#### 3.6 Overdrawn Notice Fee

This fee applies when your account is overdrawn without prior authorisation (i.e. there are insufficient funds or an authorised credit limit is exceeded), Bankwest elects to honour (pay) the transaction which overdraws your account and issues you with an Overdrawn Notice. Each Overdrawn Notice issued will incur a \$45.00 fee.

#### 3.7 Honour Fee

An Honour fee of \$10.00 will apply on each day one or more transactions overdraw the account, Bankwest elects to honour (pay) the transaction(s) and does not issue an Overdrawn Notice. The account will be overdrawn if there are insufficient funds, or the applicable credit limit has been exceeded, in order to meet a debit transaction (including cheques, direct debits and/or periodical payments).

#### 3.8 Outward Dishonour Fee

A \$10.00 Outward Dishonour Fee will be charged to the account where there are insufficient cleared funds in your account to cover a cheque drawn on your account or an authorised debit request made in respect of your account.

#### 3.9 Inward Dishonour Fee

A \$10.00 Inward Dishonour Fee will be charged to the account where you deposit a cheque into your account which is not honoured by the financial institution on which the cheque is drawn.

#### 3.10 Overdraft Facility Fees

If the account requires an Overdraft Facility, we will provide details of the conditions, fees, charges and expenses at the time of approval.

#### 3.11 Search Fees

Before opening an account in a business or company name, we will require evidence of the registration of the business or company name. Where you are able to provide us with the appropriate documentation, we will not charge you any Search Fees. If, however we need to conduct either a Business Name Registration or Company Search then you will be charged. These Search Fees are listed in our Bankwest Your Guide to Banking Fees brochure.

#### 3.12 Foreign Transaction Fee

We will charge a fee equal to 2.95% of the transaction amount for each transaction occurring outside Australia (whether in foreign currency or Australian dollars) posted to your account.

#### 3.13 Overseas ATM Access Fee

\$5.00 will be charged to the account per transaction for cash withdrawals, balance enquiries and denied transactions made using overseas ATMs.

Overseas ATM Access Fees are charged to the account on the first business day of the following month.

#### 3.14 Other fees which may be incurred on the account

Other fees which the Bank charges for its services, including services not specific to this account but for which you may be charged, are listed in our Bankwest Your Guide to Banking Fees brochure.

## 4 Interest

#### 4.1 Credit Interest

There is no credit interest paid on this account.

#### 4.2 Debit Interest

If an approved overdraft is held on the account, the applicable interest rate is the sum of the Bankwest Overdraft Reference Rate (currently 12.38% p.a.) plus a margin dependent on the security offered. Should the debit balance exceed the credit limit, or if the account is overdrawn without prior arrangement, debit interest will be charged at the prevailing excess rate, currently 16.88% p.a.

Interest is debited to the account on the last business day of each month.

## 5 Financial Claims Scheme

The Financial Claims Scheme, under the Banking Act, covers deposit amounts you hold in a bank in aggregate up to a statutory prescribed limit (please note that for the purposes of calculating this total, joint accounts are considered to be held in equal shares). You may be entitled to a payment in some circumstances. Payments under the scheme are subject to a limit for each depositor. Information about the Financial Claim Scheme can be obtained from http://www.fcs.gov.au.