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# Smart eSaver

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From 19.09.2024 this product is no longer  
available for sale.



# Product Disclosure Statement

This document comprises the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and the Terms and Conditions governing the Bankwest Smart eSaver Account.

This document also includes a Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (see page 35). An essential feature of the Bankwest Smart eSaver Account is that you can transfer funds electronically from a Linked Account to the Bankwest Smart eSaver Account. To do so you must sign a Direct Debit Request, which is part of the Account Authority or Application Form you have given us. The Direct Debit Request Service Agreement sets out the terms which apply to your Direct Debit Request.

You should read the PDS carefully and retain it for future reference. Copies of the PDS can be viewed at [bankwest.com.au](http://bankwest.com.au).

You can contact us:

- by calling our Contact Centre **13 17 19**
- by visiting [bankwest.com.au](http://bankwest.com.au).
- by messaging us in the Bankwest App

Information on our current fees, charges and interest rates is available on request.

If you wish to use the Bankwest website, or access Bankwest Online Banking via the Bankwest App, the "Website Terms of Use" (available at [bankwest.com.au](http://bankwest.com.au)) will also apply.

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# Part A – General Terms and Conditions

## 1. Words with Special Meanings

**Account** means your Bankwest Smart eSaver Account.

**Account details** means our record of your account containing account details including BSB, account number, account name, your full legal account name, any other name you prefer us to use and account activity.

**Attorney** is a person authorised under a power of attorney to act on your behalf.

**Business day** means a weekday including local public holidays but excluding holidays observed on a national basis.

**Code** means individually and collectively a token code, token PIN or password.

**Direct Debit Request** is what you sign as part of the Account Authority or Application Form that allows us to debit your Linked Account and credit your account.

**Easy Alerts** means the legacy Bankwest notification service allowing customisation of push notification preferences.

**EFT system** means the system under which Linked Account Transfers are processed.

**Electronic communication** refers to a message we send you electronically, in a form that you can keep.

**Electronic equipment** includes, but is not limited to, a computer, TV or phone.

**ePayments Code** means the ePayments Code issued by ASIC.

**Faster Payment** means, as relevant:

- an NPP Payment; or
- a payment to a PayID, or to a BSB/account number, that is settled within the Commonwealth Bank of Australia group.

**Financial abuse** is a serious form of domestic and family violence that may occur through a pattern of control, and results in exploitation or sabotage of money and finances which affects an individual's capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic well-being and which threatens their financial security and self-sufficiency.

**Joint Account** is an account held in two names.

**Linked Account** is the account nominated by you in the Account Authority or Application Form.

For accounts opened before 18 December 2014 the Linked Account can be held in Australia with any financial institution (including us).

For accounts opened after 18 December 2014 the Linked Account must be an account held with us.

**Linked Account Transfer** is an electronic transfer of funds between your account and your Linked Account.

If the transfer is debited to your Linked Account, it is subject to the terms of the Direct Debit Request. A Linked Account Transfer cannot be received or made as a Faster Payment.

**Mistaken Internet Payment** means a payment through a 'Pay Anyone' internet banking facility where funds are paid into the account of an unintended recipient, being an individual, as a result of the BSB number and/or account number, or PayID being incorrect due to an error by the person initiating the transaction or that person having been given the wrong BSB number and/or account number, or PayID. This does not include:

- payments made using BPAY; or
- payments made using a facility designed primarily for use by a business and established primarily for business purposes.

**Misdirected Payment** means a Faster Payment erroneously directed to an incorrect account because the financial institution that registered the PayID has not correctly registered or maintained the correct information.

**Mobile device** means a mobile telephone or other small screen device which can be used to access the internet.

**NPP Payment** means a "Pay Anybody" payment that is cleared and settled via the New Payment Platform.

**PAN** is a Personal Access Number that we give you so we can identify you.

**Password** (also known as secure code) means a secret code you need, along with a PAN, to access Phone Banking or Bankwest Online Banking. For Phone Banking, the password is a four-digit number. For Bankwest Online Banking, the password is an alphanumeric code of 8 – 16 characters or, if you have a security token, a 10-digit code, which is a combination of your token PIN and token code.

**PayID** means a smart address for Faster Payments, composed of a PayID Type linked to an Account.

**PayID Type** means a piece of recognisable and memorable information that can be linked to an Account to create a PayID. PayID types include phone number, email address, Australian Business Numbers and other organisational identifications. We will let you know what PayID Type/s we will accept to link to an Account.

**Privacy Law** means The Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and regulations made under that Act.

**Product Bonus Interest Rate** means the rate specified as such and initially notified to you in your Welcome Letter as varied by us from time to time.

**Product Credit Interest Rate** means the rate specified as such and initially notified to you in your Welcome Letter as varied by us from time to time.

**Secret code** means individually and collectively a user's PIN, token code, password and, token PIN, answers to your Secret Questions and SMS Code.

**Secret Questions** means security questions pre-arranged with us that may be asked when you wish to perform certain transactions or use certain functions in Bankwest Online Banking. The correct answers must be provided before the transactions can be made or the functions used.

**Secret Questions Security** means the Security Setting where, when requested, you must correctly answer the Secret Questions, in addition to your existing password to authenticate you as a user.

**Security Setting** means SMS Code Security and for certain transactions in Bankwest Online Banking, SMS Code Security and/or Secret Questions Security, as applicable.

**Security token** means, if we have provided one to you, the physical device which generates a token code.

**Service** is Bankwest Online Banking or Phone Banking, as relevant.

**SMS Code** means a randomly generated 6 digit code we send by short messaging service (SMS) to your mobile phone for conducting certain transactions or use certain functions in Bankwest Online Banking.

**SMS Code Security** means the Security Setting where, when requested, you must correctly enter your current SMS Code, in addition to any existing password to authenticate you as a user.

**Token code** means a random six-digit code generated by a security token. The security of a token code is breached if the security token is lost, stolen or allowed to be seen by a person other than you.



**Token PIN**, if you have been provided with a security token, means a four-digit code, which is chosen by you.

**Welcome Letter** means the letter we send to you at or about the time your Smart eSaver Account is opened specifying account details including information about interest rates.

**Unauthorised** means without your knowledge or consent.

**WST** means Western Australian Standard Time.

**We, us, the Bank or Bankwest** means, Bankwest, a division of the product issuer, Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 AFSL/Australian credit licence 234945 and its successors and assigns. Any other grammatical form of the word 'we' has a corresponding meaning.

**You** means the account holder nominated in the Account Authority or Application Form and, if more than one person comprises the account holder, means each of them separately and all of them jointly. Any other grammatical form of the word 'you' has a corresponding meaning.

Unless otherwise required by the context, a singular word includes the plural and vice versa.

**Your Account Bonus Interest Rate Margin** means the interest rate margin specified as such and initially notified to you in your Welcome Letter as varied by us from time to time.

**Your Account Credit Interest Rate Margin** means the interest rate margin specified as such and initially notified to you in your Welcome Letter as varied by us from time to time.

**Your Bonus Interest Rate** means the sum of the Product Bonus Interest Rate and Your Account Bonus Interest Rate Margin.

**Your Credit Interest Rate** means the sum of the Product Credit Interest Rate and Your Account Credit Interest Rate Margin.

**Your Smart Rate**, at any time, means the sum of the Your Credit Interest Rate and Your Bonus Interest Rate at that time.

## 2. Your Agreement

When you open a Bankwest Smart eSaver with us, your agreement with us in relation to your account comprises:

- (a) this Product Disclosure Statement; and
- (b) your Welcome Letter

You should read each of these documents carefully.

### **3. About Bankwest Smart eSaver**

Bankwest Smart eSaver is an interest bearing savings account. There is no minimum deposit required to open the account. A maximum investment limit of \$5,000,000.99 applies to the account. There is a limit of one account per person, whether as a single or joint account holder.

### **4. Account Services**

Your account provides you with access to:

- (a) Bankwest Online Banking; and
- (b) Phone Banking.

Your use of the services is governed by Part B of this PDS.

### **5. Opening an Account**

The account is available to personal customers only, aged 12 years or older. To open an account you must:

- have a current Direct Debit Request at all times (this enables us to transfer funds from your Linked Account to your account); and
- provide the other documents we ask for.

Where we conduct an identification check by non-electronic means, we may also ask you to:

- provide a copy of a statement from your Linked Account no more than six months old; and/or
- complete and sign the Account Authority or Application Form;

The account is not available to business customers, trustees or superannuation funds.

### **6. Opening Deposits**

To open your account you will need to make an opening deposit. Your opening deposit must be made by Linked Account Transfer from your Linked Account (unless we agree that you may make your opening deposit by any other means), and must be made in Australian dollars.

## 7. Joint Accounts

An account can't be opened in more than two peoples' names. For joint accounts the following applies:

- Each of you must be authorised to operate the account alone.
- Each of you must comply with the terms and conditions applying to the account as if it were in one name alone.
- Should one of you die, we will treat the survivor as the account holder unless you have specified otherwise.
- Unless we are otherwise required, we can send notices, statements and other documents (including a notice of a change to the terms and conditions applying to the account) by sending them to either of you in accordance with Clause 21 and they will be taken to have been given to both of you.

## 8. Your Liability for Joint Accounts

You need to be aware of the extent of your liability and obligations. Each joint account holder will be liable to us for the whole of:

- any transaction on the account;
- any debt to us on the account;
- any loss or damage we suffer in connection with the account; and
- any fees, charges and expenses debited to the account.

We can take action against any one or both of you, for any liability arising from a failure to comply with any terms and conditions.

If you die or become bankrupt, your estate will be liable to same extent as you were. On the death of one of you, we will consider the survivor to be a continuing customer unless you have specified otherwise and any credit balance in the account will be paid to the survivor. This is subject to the survivor satisfactorily completing the necessary documentation and us processing it.

## 9. Deposits

Your opening deposit must be made by Linked Account Transfer (unless we agree that you may make your opening deposit by any other means – see Clause 6).

Other deposits may be made:

- by Linked Account Transfer from your Linked Account;
- by direct credit. Direct credits are automatic electronic deposits of funds, for example, your salary or other regular payments; or
- by Faster Payment.

## **9.1 Deposits to a PayID**

PayID is a Faster Payment addressing service that enables a payer to make a Faster Payment to a payee using an alternative identifier instead of a BSB and account number.

Before you can receive a Faster Payment to your account via a PayID, you must register your PayID.

Participation in the PayID service is optional and Bankwest will not register a PayID for you without your consent. You consent to participation in the PayID service when you complete the PayID registration process. We will provide you with the terms and conditions applying to participation in the PayID service during the PayID registration process.

After we advise you of the availability of the PayID registration process, you can register a PayID via Bankwest Online Banking (either through the Bankwest website or via the mobile banking app). We may require you to use a single-use code (or similar) that we send to you for the purpose of registering a PayID.

We will ensure that your PayID and nominated details are accurately recorded in the PayID service.

Where we and the sending financial institution determine that a Faster Payment made to your account is a Misdirected Payment, we may, without your consent, and subject to complying with any other applicable terms and conditions, deduct from your account an amount equal to that payment. We will notify you if this occurs.

## **10. Mistaken Internet Payments and other mistaken deposits**

Under the ePayments Code, there are certain processes regarding Mistaken Internet Payments that we and many other ADIs have adopted. We have also adopted those processes for all Faster Payments. They do not apply to:

- (i) transactions where the Pay Anybody service used is a service designed primarily for use by a business and established primarily for business purposes; or

- (ii) **Misdirected Payments.** If there has been a Misdirected Payment into your account, clause 9A will apply to that Misdirected Payment.

These processes (which we agree to follow) are set out below. We will not otherwise have liability to you for Mistaken Internet Payments under this clause.

If a person reports that a Mistaken Internet Payment has been made from the person's account to your account:

- (a) you agree that we may inform that person's financial institution whether or not your account has sufficient credit funds to cover the payment;
- (b) provided we are satisfied that a Mistaken Internet Payment has been made to your account, and there are sufficient credit funds in your account to cover the full amount of the Mistaken Internet Payment:
  - (i) if the person made the report within 10 business days of making the payment, we may debit your account for the amount of the Mistaken Internet Payment; and
  - (ii) if the person made the report between 10 business days and 7 months of making the payment, we will immediately freeze those funds and, if you do not establish that you are entitled to the funds within 10 business days, we may debit your account for the full value of the Mistaken Internet Payment.
- (c) provided we are satisfied that a Mistaken Internet Payment has been made to your account in circumstances where sufficient credit funds to cover the full amount of the Mistaken Internet Payment are not available in your account, we may debit your account for a partial or full amount of the Mistaken Internet Payment in accordance with the process and relevant timeframes described in 10(b) (i) and (ii) above. If we choose to retrieve the full value of the funds from you, we will use reasonable endeavours to do so.
- (d) if we debit your account or otherwise receive funds from you for the full or partial value of the Mistaken Internet Payment, we will return the funds to the person or the person's financial institution.

If we are reasonably satisfied that funds have been paid into your account due to another party's mistake (that does not involve a Mistaken Internet Payment), unauthorised activity, fraud or bank error, and there are sufficient credit funds in your account we may debit your account with the amount of the payment you have received and return it to the other party without giving you notice.

## 11. Withdrawals

Withdrawals can only be made by Linked Account Transfer to your Linked Account. The funds must be cleared funds. You can't nominate your account in a direct debit request you give to another organisation or financial institution, or non-Bankwest-branded division.

## 12. Interest

Interest is paid monthly to the account and is calculated up to and paid on the first business day of the following month. We calculate interest for each month on the first business day of the following month by multiplying the amount of the credit balance of your account at the end of each day of the month by the appropriate interest rate, dividing the result by the number of days in the year and aggregating the daily amounts so calculated. For the purpose of calculating interest, the end of day credit balance of your account on a non-business day will be taken to be the end of day credit balance of your account of the immediately preceding business day.

The applicable interest rate to be applied may vary according to how you transact on your account. If you make any withdrawal during a calendar month, interest will be paid in respect of each day of that month at Your Credit Interest Rate current on that day. If no withdrawal is made during a calendar month, interest will be paid in respect of each day of that month at Your Smart Rate current on that day.

Each of the Product Credit Interest Rate, the Product Bonus Interest Rate as well as Your Account Credit Interest Rate Margin and Your Account Bonus Interest Rate Margin may be varied by us at any time which means Your Smart Rate may also be varied.

You can ascertain Your Credit Interest Rate and Your Bonus Interest Rate at any time via internet banking or contacting the Contact Centre on 13 17 19 or messaging us in the Bankwest App.

If you are eligible to be paid interest at Your Smart Rate in any month, your statement of account will show 'credit interest' paid at Your Credit Interest Rate and 'bonus interest' paid at Your Bonus Interest Rate. Interest paid for that month will be the sum of those two amounts.

If you do not lodge your Tax File Number (if you have one), or an appropriate exemption with us, by law we must deduct withholding tax at the highest marginal tax rate plus the Medicare Levy from the interest payable to you.

If we debit your account in reversing a Mistaken Internet Payment, we may adjust any interest debited or credited to the extent it is affected by the Mistaken Internet Payment.

## 13. Overdrawn Accounts

You must not make a withdrawal via Linked Account Transfer which is greater than your account balance.

We are not obliged to give effect to any Linked Account Transfer from you which would overdraw your account.

If your account is overdrawn, you authorise us to transfer money from your Linked Account into the overdrawn account up to the amount owing. However, we do not have to do this and we are not liable for any loss you may incur if we choose not to do this.

## 14. Closing the Account

You may close the account at any time by written notice to us. We may close the account for any reason at any time and if appropriate, give you reasonable notice of the closure. We will notify you in writing should we do so (including by providing a closing statement). There may be circumstances where we are not able to notify you (such as where you have not provided us with your new address or particulars).

When we close your account, we will act fairly and reasonably towards you. Such circumstances may include where:

- The account has been operated in a manner we reasonably consider is inconsistent with these terms and conditions;
- We reasonably consider there has been unsatisfactory behaviour or account operation including conduct that, in our opinion:
  - (a) is defamatory, harassing or threatening to any person;
  - (b) promotes or encourages physical or mental harm of any person;
  - (c) promotes violence against any person; or
  - (d) threatens or promotes terrorism;
- You do not provide us with any document or information we reasonably request from you;
- We think the account is being used fraudulently or in a way that might cause you or us to lose money;
- We reasonably consider necessary to comply with, for example, our financial crimes policies, any laws in Australia or overseas or card scheme rules or to manage any risk or, for a transaction, if your instructions are not clear;

- We believe on reasonable grounds that you may be (or an authorised signatory using your account may be) a person, acting for or conducting business with a person:
  - (a) with whom we are not permitted to deal with by law or a regulatory authority; or
  - (b) in breach of laws relating to money laundering and terrorism financing.
- We suspect on reasonable grounds that your account is being used in a way that results in or may cause financial abuse (we may also, without notice, suspend your account if we suspect on reasonable grounds that your account is being used in a way that results in or may cause financial abuse).
- We reasonably suspect you or an authorised signatory are residing in a sanctioned jurisdiction. If we reasonably suspect that you or an authorised signatory are travelling to a sanctioned jurisdiction, we may without notice suspend the account (while you or an authorised signatory is in that jurisdiction). To find out the current list of sanctioned jurisdictions please visit [commbank.com.au/sanctionedcountries](http://commbank.com.au/sanctionedcountries) (this list may change from time to time without notice to you). Once your account has been closed, you'll still be responsible for any transactions you or an authorised signatory make to the account even after closure; or
- We consider your account to be inactive and you have a zero, or debit (negative) balance at the time it is closed.

If the account has a credit (positive) balance at the time that it is closed, that balance will be paid to your Linked Account.

However, to the extent that the balance comprises any funds which have not been cleared, the funds will not be available to you until they are cleared.

If the account has a debit (negative) balance at the time it is closed, that balance will be due and payable by you to us upon demand. Upon the closure of the account, all liabilities owing to us in relation to the account will become immediately due and payable and these terms and conditions will continue in full force and effect until those liabilities have been discharged in full.



## 15. Powers of Attorney

If an account is to be:

- opened by an attorney on your behalf; or
- operated (including accessing information, transferring money into/out of the account and/or closing the account) by an attorney on your behalf;

you and the attorney must:

- complete and sign any documents we require; and
- provide us with any other documents or information we require.

If you appoint an attorney to open and/or operate your account, you must ensure that your attorney complies with the conditions of the account. We will tell you how an attorney can operate the account. Transactions performed by an attorney may be delayed until all required documents are received by us.

If you have authorised an attorney to operate your account, they must also be authorised to operate your Linked Account. You must notify us in writing if the power of attorney is revoked. If you appoint an attorney any reference to 'you' in this document includes your attorney.

## 16. Linked Account

You must nominate a Linked Account in the Account Authority or Application Form to open and operate your account. For accounts opened before 18 December 2014 the Linked Account must be a held in Australia by you with any financial institution (including us). For accounts opened on or after 18 December 2014 the Linked Account must be a Bankwest account held in Australia.

The Linked Account must be:

- in exactly the same name(s) as your Bankwest Smart eSaver account; or
- if your Bankwest Smart eSaver account is in a single name, in joint names one of which is exactly the same name as your Bankwest Smart eSaver account.

Customers will be unable to change their Linked Account for the first 30 days their account is opened.

If the Linked Account is held in joint names, all Linked Account holders must sign the Direct Debit Request on the Bankwest Smart eSaver account application form.

A withdrawal from your account can only be made to your Linked Account by Linked Account Transfer.

## 17. Change of Linked Account

After the account has been opened 30 days, you may change your Linked Account at any time. If you close your Linked Account, you won't be able to make a Linked Account Transfer until you nominate a new Linked Account and give us a new Direct Debit Request. In addition, if your Linked Account is held with us, you must nominate a new Linked Account before you may close your Linked Account. Contact our Contact Centre or message us in the Bankwest App and we'll tell you what to do.

Your new Linked Account or requested changes will not take effect until verified by us. This may take up to ten business days.

## 18. Government Charges

If we incur any government tax, duty or other charge imposed by law in respect of the account or its operation, you must pay us an amount equal to the charge calculated in accordance with the methods prescribed from time to time by the relevant legislation. You authorise us to debit any such amount to the account.

You are responsible for any fees or charges imposed by a telecommunications provider/carrier for accessing Phone Banking or Bankwest Online Banking, including call costs and costs for accessing the internet where you access Bankwest Online Banking using a mobile device, whether Bankwest Online Banking is accessed from Australia or overseas. You should refer to your telecommunications provider/carrier for full details about the fees and charges associated with accessing and downloading information from the internet.

## 19. Changes to Terms and Conditions and interest rates

Subject to Clauses 12 & 25, we may at any time without your consent change the terms and conditions applying to your account (including in respect of fees and interest rates). We'll act reasonably in exercising this right. Circumstances where we may make changes to the terms and conditions include, but are not limited to those, where there are:

- changes to the cost of providing the account to you;
- changes in the legal or other regulatory requirements affecting us;
- changes in our system or product development or enhancement.

If you consider that you will be adversely affected by changes notified to you under this clause, you may contact us to close the account.

We will give you notice of a change at the following times (or such longer period required by law):

- (a) if we introduce or increase a fee or charge we will give you notice of the change at least 30 days before the change takes effect; or
- (b) if we change an interest rate (including a change to any applicable margin), we will tell you no later than the day of the change unless we are not able to because the interest rate is calculated according to:
  - a money market or some other external reference rate; or
  - a rate otherwise designated as variable or floating rate.
- (c) apart from changes to interest rates, if we believe a change is an unfavourable change to you, subject to clause (d), we will provide you with at least 30 days notice of the change, otherwise we will give you notice of the change on or before the day the change takes effect.
- (d) We may give you a shorter notice period or no notice of an unfavourable change if:
  - it is reasonable for us to do so to manage a material and immediate risk; or
  - there is a change to a government fee or charge where we will tell you reasonably promptly after we are notified (unless the government publicises the introduction or change).

## 20. Changes in Your Particulars

You must inform us immediately of any change in your name or address including changes to your nominated mobile phone number or other electronic address. You can change your nominated email address via Bankwest Online Banking or make any other changes by calling us on 13 17 19 or messaging us in the Bankwest App. We will not be responsible for any errors or losses associated with a change in your particulars if we do not receive notice or adequate notice of the change.

## 21. Statements of Account

We will provide a statement of your account at least every six months, but there may be circumstances where we are not able to do so (such as where you have not provided us with your new address or particulars). You may request more frequent statements. You must check your statements and advise us of any errors or omissions. You may order a statement at any time by calling the Contact Centre or by using Phone Banking or Bankwest Online Banking.

## 22. Service of Notices

Whenever we send you a letter, notice or statement, or otherwise seek to communicate with you, we will do so by mail addressed to you at your last known address, or by the electronic means described in Clause 22.1. For joint accounts, see Clause 7.

### 22.1 Electronic communications with you

Where you have given us an email address, mobile phone number or other electronic address for contacting you, you agree that we may satisfy any requirement under this Product Disclosure Statement or under any law or applicable code of conduct to provide users with information by any of the following means:

- (a) electronic communication to your nominated electronic address;
- (b) making the information available on our website after first notifying you by:
  - SMS message to a mobile phone number you have given us for contacting you;
  - by electronic communication to any other electronic address you have given us for contacting you, or
  - push notification from the Bankwest App that the information is available for retrieval by you;
- (c) a SMS text message to a mobile number you have given us for contacting you; or
- (d) such other means as we agree with you.

Should we provide you with information by an electronic method outlined in this clause, the information will be deemed to have been provided to you when the electronic communication enters the first information system outside Bankwest (e.g. your or your internet services provider's information system).

Statements of account, transaction confirmations and certain other communications provided electronically for any account you have with Bankwest may not be given to you in paper form. You should therefore regularly check for electronic communications from us or messages to the mobile phone number you have given us for contacting you. To protect your privacy, you should nominate an electronic address which is only accessible by you.

You may at any time by notice to us elect not to receive information by electronic communication or change your electronic address or notification details.

## **23. Severance**

If any part or provision of the terms and conditions is or becomes void or unenforceable under any applicable statute in any State or Territory then as to that State or Territory that part or provision will be removed from the terms and conditions. Removal of any part or provision will not affect the remaining provisions in that State or Territory or affect the validity or enforceability of that part or provision in any other State or Territory.

# **Part B – Account Access Conditions of Use**

## **24. Acceptance**

These Conditions of Use apply to your use of Phone Banking and Bankwest Online Banking in connection with your account. The first time you use one of the services after receiving these Conditions of Use will constitute your agreement to these Account Access Conditions of Use in respect of the service which is accessed. These Conditions of Use also apply when we share your information with other parties under Confirmation of Payee.

## **25. Changes to These Account Access Conditions of Use**

We can change any of these Conditions of Use at any time. We'll act reasonably in exercising this right. Circumstances where we may make changes to these Conditions of Use include but are not limited to those where there are:

- changes to the cost of providing the account or Services to you;
- changes in legal or other regulatory requirements affecting us;
- changes in any system or product development or enhancement.

If you consider that you will be adversely affected by changes notified to you under this clause, you may end your use of a Service or close the account by writing to the Customer Service Centre where your accounts are kept.

We will give you at least 30 days (or such longer period required by law) written notice of a change which:

- imposes or increases charges relating solely to the use of a service or the issue of an additional or replacement service;
- increases your liability for losses relating to Linked Account Transfers; or
- imposes, removes or adjusts a transaction limit applying to a service or your account.

Subject to any law, we will notify you of other changes no later than the day that the change takes effect.

We may notify you of changes by:

- writing to you;
- the electronic means described in Clause 22.1;
- a notice on or with your nominated account statement;
- publishing a press advertisement in the national or local media; or
- notices on EFT terminals.

Where an immediate change is necessary to restore or maintain the security of the EFT System or a nominated account, we may make a change necessary for that purpose without giving you advance notice.

## **26. Cancellation of Electronic Access**

We may withdraw or deny access to the service or cancel access to the service or your account at any time without prior notice, in certain circumstances, including (but not limited to):

- suspected fraudulent use;
- to comply with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws;
- if we suspect on reasonable grounds that your account is being used in a way that results in or may cause financial abuse;
- unsatisfactory account operation; or
- non-compliance with these Conditions of Use.

The Bank has an obligation under the Banking Code of Practice to act fairly and reasonably towards you in a consistent and ethical manner.

We may suspend electronic access to your account at any time without notice if we consider a security issue has arisen which requires further investigation.

In the event that electronic access to your account is cancelled by you or us, you must, if relevant, halt the use of any security token and return it to us undamaged.

## **27. Phone Banking and Bankwest Online Banking**

### **27.1 What is Phone Banking?**

Phone Banking is a service provided by us which enables you to make enquiries and effect transactions on your account using a PAN and password and tone telephone or mobile phone.

You must not use an analogue mobile phone as the tone message may be scanned and the PAN and password may be disclosed.

### **27.2 What can you do using Phone Banking?**

You can:

- obtain the balance of your account;
- make Linked Account Transfers (see Clause 28);
- enquire on transactions on your account;
- order a statement on your account;
- order a statement of interest for taxation purposes; and
- change a password.

### **27.3 How to use Phone Banking**

Use the PAN and your password. We will advise of them separately;

- Call Phone Banking on **13 17 18** for the cost of a local call Australia wide. Calls from mobile phones and calls made from overseas are charged at the applicable rate;
- enter your PAN;
- enter your password; and
- follow the instructions given.

### **27.4 What is Bankwest Online Banking?**

Bankwest Online Banking is a facility provided by us which that is accessible via a computer or mobile device with internet access and approved internet browser software, and a mobile device using the Bankwest App, enables you to make enquiries and effect transactions over the internet on your account using your PAN and password.

Bankwest will begin to make the new Bankwest App available to select customers from 25 February 2025.

The Bankwest App is available for compatible iPhone, iPad and Android™ devices offering a fast, simple and convenient mobile banking experience. With the Bankwest App you can check account balances, view recent transaction history, pay bills via BPAY, make transfers to linked and third party accounts from your



smart phone. Additionally, you can locate your nearest Commonwealth Bank ATM.

In order to access the full range of Bankwest App features, security and other updates, you should ensure that you use the latest version of the Bankwest App. You may need to upgrade the operating system on your device to ensure it is compatible with the latest Bankwest App version.

If you access our website from a mobile device or use the Bankwest App, you may not be able to access the full range of services which are ordinarily available from our website.

## **27.5 What can you do using Bankwest Online Banking?**

You can:

- obtain the balance of your account;
- make Linked Account Transfers;
- enquire on transactions on your account;
- change a password;
- perform a range of administrative functions; and
- manage communication preferences (including push notifications which we may send from time to time).

Bankwest may, in accordance with our Privacy Statement, if you have registered for the App on a device, send you push notifications (if enabled on your device) and in-app messages including important service-related messages, commercial electronic messages and direct marketing about products and services that may be of interest to you. You can opt out of receiving such messages at any time by calling 13 17 19, by using the unsubscribe function for commercial electronic messages or by changing your notification preferences in your settings.

In addition to the Bankwest App, we provide a version of Bankwest Online Banking that has been customised for mobile devices using internet browsing software. Not all of the functions set out in this Clause 27.5 will be available when accessing Bankwest Online Banking using a mobile device and internet browsing software, or the Bankwest App, and other functions may operate with a reduced level of functionality.

If you have the Bankwest App installed on an iPhone or iPad, you can turn on:

- Touch ID for the Bankwest App: where you can access the Bankwest App using a fingerprint identity sensor (except for iPhone X onwards); or

- Face ID for the Bankwest App: where you can access the Bankwest App using facial recognition ability for iPhone X onwards.

If you have the Bankwest App installed on an Android mobile device, you can choose the option of using fingerprint recognition to access the Bankwest App.

If you turn on Touch ID, Face ID or use Android fingerprint recognition on the Bankwest App, you consent to Bankwest collecting the biometric information you provide for the purposes of identifying you and otherwise for use in accordance with the Bankwest Privacy Statement.

For certain transactions on the Bankwest App, you may be prompted to enter your Bankwest App PIN Login as an additional security measure.

You must only store your own biometric identifiers (including your fingerprints or your facial mapping) on your smartphone device. You must not use Touch ID, Face ID or use Android fingerprint recognition on the Bankwest App if you have someone else's biometric identifiers, including their fingerprints or facial mapping stored on your device.

If you do allow someone else's fingerprints or facial mapping to be stored on your device (despite this being against these Conditions of Use):

- They will be able to access your accounts and will be considered authorised to do so; and
- You will be responsible for their transactions.

Touch ID, Face ID and Android fingerprint recognition can only be turned on for the Bankwest App if it is available on your mobile device model and has been enabled by you on your device. Touch ID, Face ID and Android fingerprint recognition are technologies provided by vendors external to Bankwest and accordingly we are not responsible:

- For any malfunction in such technologies; or
- If Apple or Android make any changes to their technology that impacts the way you access the Bankwest App, e.g. For iPhone X users, effective from 3 November 2017, the fingerprint sensor will no longer be available and is replaced with facial recognition ability.

If you choose to use Touch ID, Face ID and/or Android fingerprint recognition to access the Bankwest App, you will still need your internet banking login details and you must protect these in the manner outlined in these Conditions of Use.

## 27.6 How to use Bankwest Online Banking

To access Bankwest Online Banking, you must have a PAN and password. Your PAN will be provided to you separately from any password or security token we provide and, upon their receipt, you should visit [bankwest.com.au](http://bankwest.com.au) to get further information and to log on to Bankwest Online Banking.

If you are logging on for the first time and you do not have a security token, you will be required to change your issued password to an alphanumeric code of 8 – 16 characters with at least one letter and one number. If you are logging on for the first time and have been issued with a security token, you will be required to choose a token PIN.

Where you are registered with SMS Code Security, you must enter your current SMS Code when requested for conducting certain transactions in Bankwest Online Banking. Where you are registered with Secured Secret Questions Security, you must correctly answer Secret Questions when requested to perform certain transactions or use certain functions in Bankwest Online Banking. However, SMS Code Security and Secured Secret Questions Security are not available when you conduct transactions or perform functions in Bankwest Online Banking through the version of Bankwest Online Banking that has been specially customised for mobile devices using internet browser software referred to in Clause 20.5.

## 27.7 Online Business Banking

**From 18th March 2025, Online Business Banking will no longer be available.**

If you want to access your account in Online Business Banking, you need to apply for Online Business Banking. You will be provided with a separate Product Disclosure Statement and your use of Online Business Banking will be a matter of separate agreement with us. For further information, please contact us.

## 27.8 Internet security

When you use Bankwest Online Banking you must make sure that you take all reasonable steps to protect the security of your electronic equipment, any security token issued to you, and your password. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ensuring that, if and when the password is changed, the numbers and letters which are chosen cannot be easily identified e.g. it has no obvious pattern (patterns such as 1234A, 1111A, and ABCDEF are too obvious) and have no connection with you (such as a birthday, telephone number, car registration, or postcode);

- ensuring your computer and mobile device are free of viruses;
- ensuring your computer and mobile device are not left unattended while you are logged on to Bankwest Online Banking;
- ensuring your computer is free of any form of password recording program or mechanism;
- ensuring that you shut down all browser windows used to gain access to Bankwest Online Banking and that the 'back' function or similar function cannot be used to trace your activities.

The security guidelines in this subclause provide examples of security measures only and will not determine your liability for any losses resulting from unauthorised transactions. Liability for unauthorised transactions will be determined in accordance with Clause 30 of these Conditions of Use and the ePayments Code.

## **27.9 Access and restriction of access to services**

Access to Phone Banking and/or Bankwest Online Banking may not be available from some States, Territories or country telephone exchanges or, for Bankwest Online Banking, from overseas. You should refer to your telecommunications provider/carrier for information about whether a mobile device will be able to use the relevant overseas network and access Bankwest Online Banking overseas.

We will try (without legal obligation) to provide our services on a 24-hour continuous basis. However, circumstances may not always make this possible. If our services cannot be accessed at any time, please advise our Contact Centre to help us investigate the reason.

You may not be able to access Bankwest Online Banking from all computers or mobile devices due to hardware or software restrictions, connection limitations, the capacity of your internet service provider, availability of a connection via your telecommunications provider/carrier or for other reasons outside our control.

Subject to Clause 30.5, we are not responsible for:

- the inability of any computer or mobile device to access or use Bankwest Online Banking. You are responsible for compatibility of any computer or mobile device with Bankwest Online Banking;
- the unavailability of Bankwest Online Banking as a result of the failure of any telecommunication connection used in connection with a computer or mobile device; or
- any loss or damage to any computer or mobile device as a result of the use or attempted use of Bankwest Online Banking (unless the loss or damage arises from our negligence).

## 27.9A Refusal of Service

### Acceptable Use Policy

You may not use Bankwest Online Banking to engage in conduct that, in our opinion:

- is unlawful;
- interferes with any other person's access to Bankwest Online Banking;
- is used for a vehicle for, or may cause or result in financial abuse;
- is offensive, defamatory, harassing or threatening to any person;
- promotes violence against any person; or
- threatens or promotes terrorism.

In the event that you fail to comply with our Acceptable Use Policy as detailed above, we may, without notice and immediately or at any time:

- refuse to process or complete any transaction or dealing of yours; and/or
- suspend or discontinue your access to Bankwest Online Banking.

If we receive a complaint or request from or on behalf of a recipient of a transaction or dealing of yours using Bankwest Online Banking, we may investigate and consider in light of Bankwest's Acceptable Use Policy. You acknowledge and agree that we may respond to a complaint or a request by sharing the outcome of such investigation, including any related action taken against you.

## 27.10 Other matters

For each Linked Account Transfer, we will issue a receipt number. When we have instructions for more than one Linked Account Transfer from your account to your Linked Account we may determine the order of priority in which the transfers are made.

We do not guarantee to give effect to any Linked Account Transfers received via services. We may delay and/or refuse to give effect without notifying you.

The circumstances in which instructions will not be processed include, but are not limited to:

- when the conditions of use of your account prohibit the payment(s); or
- when your account has insufficient available funds to cover the intended payment(s).

## **27.11 Your Security Setting**

Your Security Setting provides additional security where you engage in transactions that we consider can carry a higher risk. It assists in protecting your transactions in such circumstances. Unless exempted by us in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, all users must be registered for SMS Code Security when required by us. All users must notify us of their current mobile phone number and inform us of any change in their mobile phone number by contacting the Contact Centre on **13 17 19** or messaging us in the Bankwest App.

If you are registered for SMS Code Security, you need to ensure your mobile phone will be able to receive SMS Code. Unless exempted by us in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, all users of Bankwest Online Banking must be registered for SMS Code Security and Secret Questions Security when required by us. We will notify you once you are registered with a Security Setting. If you have difficulty receiving SMS Code from time to time (e.g. you are going overseas), contact us to apply for an exemption and we may change your Security Setting for an appropriate period approved by us. Any change we make to your SMS Code Security will apply to transactions in Bankwest Online Banking.

We may suspend your SMS Code Security if we have reason to believe that your online security is at risk, e.g. you entered the wrong SMS Code more than once. If we do, your access to Bankwest Online Banking for any functions normally requiring a SMS Code to be entered may be suspended or limited and will not apply until we reactivate it. Call the Contact Centre.

## **28. Linked Account Transfers**

### **28.1 Daily Linked Account Transfer Limit**

The maximum aggregate amount of Linked Account Transfers to your Linked Account which you may instruct us to make on any business day is \$2,000,000.

### **28.2 Cancelling a Linked Account Transfer**

We are not obliged to cancel a Linked Account Transfer once we have accepted the instruction to make it. In some cases it may be possible to cancel an initiated Linked Account Transfer.

### **28.3 Processing Linked Account Transfers**

Generally, a Linked Account Transfer, whether from or to your account, will be made:

- on the date we are told to make that Linked Account Transfer, if we receive the instruction before 3:00pm WST on a business day; or
- on the next business day, if we receive the instructions after 3:00pm WST on a business day, or on a non-business day.

If we are instructed to make a Linked Account Transfer on a non-existent day (eg on 30 Feb), we will instead make the Linked Account Transfer on the next business day (eg 1 March). This will result in this amount not being included in the account balance for the receiving account until the Linked Account Transfer is complete (eg the next business day, or later). In certain circumstances this may impact qualifying for possible benefits on the receiving account.

Funds transferred by Linked Account Transfer may not be available on the day the Linked Account Transfer is made. Please refer to Clauses 28.4 and 28.5 for further details.

## **28.4 Deposits by Linked Account Transfer**

When you make a deposit to your account by Linked Account Transfer, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the account when received by us but it will not be available to you for three business days.

## **28.5 Linked Account Transfers to your Linked Account**

Delays may occur in processing a Linked Account Transfer to your Linked Account should the financial institution at which your Linked Account is held not comply with its obligations in respect of the Linked Account Transfer. That financial institution will also determine the availability of funds when a Linked Account Transfer is made to your Linked Account. Please check with that financial institution for standard clearance times.

If we are advised that a Linked Account Transfer to your Linked Account cannot be received by the financial institution at which the account is held, we will:

- advise you of this;
- credit your account with the amount of the Linked Account Transfer; and
- take all reasonable steps to assist in making another Linked Account Transfer as quickly as possible.

## 29. Protection of Your PAN, Code and Security Token

You must protect your PAN, Code and, where issued, your security token, to prevent unauthorised access to your account. You must take care to ensure that your PAN, Code, and security token are not misused and your Code is not seen or becomes known to anyone else.

### 29.1 Guidelines

This clause contains guidelines which you should follow to guard against unauthorised use of your Code, and, where issued, your security token. These guidelines provide examples only of security measures and will not determine your liability for any losses resulting from any unauthorised transactions. Liability for unauthorised transactions will be determined in accordance with Clause 30 of these Conditions of Use and the ePayments Code.

#### (a) To protect a Code

- Where a Code is issued by us, memorise the Code when you receive it. Once memorised, destroy our notice of the Code. If you forget your Code you may apply to us for it to be reissued.
- If you are given the option to select a Code, you should not select a Code which represents a name, date, telephone number, car registration or anything else that could be associated with you, or which has an easily retrievable combination (such as repeated numbers or letters).
- Never tell or show a Code to anyone, including a family member, friend or persons in authority (such as a bank officer or police officer).
- Do not record a Code on a computer or telephone or related articles without making a reasonable attempt to disguise the Code.
- Do not keep a record of a Code with any document containing the reference number for your accounts or with other account information, such as statements.
- Do not access Phone Banking or Bankwest Online Banking from a facility where the details you enter may be recorded by a third party, e.g. a hotel telephone or computer at an internet cafe.
- If you suspect that someone else may know a Code or that an unauthorised person is using a Code, you should contact us immediately.



- If you have been issued with a security token, do not record a Code on the security token.

(b) To protect a security token

- Carry the security token whenever possible.
- Always keep the security token in a safe, secure place and check regularly to ensure it has not been lost or stolen.
- Do not record your account number, PAN or Code details on the security token.
- Do not drop the security token or expose it to high heat, water or attempt to disassemble it.
- Do not keep the security token with any document containing the reference numbers for your account or with other account information, such as statements.
- Do not lend the security token to anyone, or permit anyone to use the security token.

(c) We do not consider the following to be reasonable attempts to disguise a Code

- Reversing its sequence.
- Describing the disguised record as a Code record.
- Disguising it as a telephone number where no other numbers are recorded.
- Disguising it as a telephone number, postcode, amount or date with the Code in its correct sequence within the number.
- Disguising it using alphabetical characters i.e. A=1, B=2, C=3, or in any other easily understood code.
- Recording it as a series of numbers or letters with any of them marked to indicate the Code.

You must not use any other forms of disguise which are similarly unsuitable because another person can easily work out the Code.

## 29.2 Reporting a breach of security

If you have been issued with a security token and it is lost, stolen or used without authorisation, or your Code becomes known to someone else, you must immediately tell us by calling our Contact Centre on the following number: **13 17 19** (24 hours).

We will acknowledge receipt of your call by giving you a notification number. This should be kept as proof of the date and time of the report.

If for any reason the Contact Centre is unavailable and this prevents you notifying us, you will not be liable for any unauthorised transactions which could have been prevented during this period if the telephone number had been available, provided we are notified within a reasonable time of the Contact Centre becoming available again.

## **30. Liability for Unauthorised Linked Account Transfers**

This clause deals with liability for Linked Account Transfers which are carried out without your knowledge and consent.

### **30.1 Authorised transactions**

You are liable for all Linked Account Transfers carried out in respect of your accounts with your knowledge and consent.

### **30.2 When you are not liable**

You will not be liable for losses in respect of your account caused by an unauthorised Linked Account Transfer:

- resulting from unauthorised use of a security token or a Code (as relevant) before you have received it;
- after we receive notification that your security token has been misused, lost, or stolen, or a Code has become known to someone else;
- relating to your PAN, Code, or security token (as relevant) being forged, faulty or cancelled (where relevant);
- caused by the fraudulent or negligent conduct of employees or agents of:
  - us; or
  - any organisation involved in the provision of the EFT system;
- where it is clear that you have not contributed to the loss; or
- caused by the same transaction being incorrectly debited more than once to your account.

### **30.3 When you are liable**

Where we prove on the balance of probabilities that you have contributed to losses in respect of your account resulting from an unauthorised Linked Account Transfer by:

- your own fraud;
- in all cases except where the unauthorised Linked Account Transfer was made using Bankwest Online Banking and you have been issued with a security token, voluntarily disclosing your password to anyone, including a family member or friend;

- where the unauthorised Linked Account Transfer was made using Bankwest Online Banking and you have been issued with a security token, voluntarily disclosing your token PIN and showing your security token or otherwise disclosing the token code to anyone, including a family member or friend;
- where the unauthorised Linked Account Transfer was made using Bankwest Online Banking and you have been issued with a security token:
  - (a) voluntarily disclosing your token PIN; or
  - (b) showing your security token (or otherwise disclosing the token code) to anyone, including a family member or friend, where this disclosure is more than 50% responsible for the losses when all contributing causes are assessed together
- where the unauthorised Linked Account Transfer transaction was made using Bankwest Online Banking and you have been issued with a security token, indicating your token PIN on your security token, or keeping a record of your token PIN (without making any reasonable attempt to protect the security of the record) on the one article, or on several articles, carried with your security token that are liable to be lost or stolen simultaneously with your security token;
- where you do not have a security token, keeping a record of your password (without making any reasonable attempt to protect the security of the record) on the one article or on several articles that are liable to be lost or stolen simultaneously;
- changing or selecting a Code which represents your birth date or a recognisable part of your name; or
- acting with extreme carelessness in failing to protect the security of your Code; you will be liable for the losses which occur before we are notified of the unauthorised use, loss or theft of your security token, or breach of the security of a Code;

or by:

- unreasonably delaying notifying us of the unauthorised use, loss or theft of the security token, or that a Code has become known to someone else;

You will be liable for the losses which occur between when you became aware of the loss, theft or unauthorised use (or should reasonably have become aware in the case of a lost or stolen security token) and when we were actually notified.

Unless otherwise determined by the ePayments Code, in all cases you will not be liable for:

- that portion of the loss incurred on any one day which exceeds any applicable daily transaction limits; and that portion of the loss on your account which exceeds the balance of your account.

### **30.4 When your liability is limited**

Where a Code was required to perform the unauthorised Linked Account Transfer and Clause 30.3 does not apply, your liability for any loss in respect of your account arising from an unauthorised Linked Account Transfer, if the loss occurs before you notify us of the unauthorised use, loss or theft of the security token or the Code becoming known to someone else, is the lesser of:

- \$150;
- the balance of your account; or
- the actual loss at the time we are notified of the misuse, loss or theft of the security token, or the Code becoming known to someone else (except that portion of the loss that exceeds any daily or periodic transaction limits applicable to the use of your Code, security token or your account).

### **30.5 When the electronic banking system or EFT terminal breaks down**

You will not be responsible for any loss you suffer because our system or our equipment accepted your instructions but failed to complete the transaction.

If our system or our equipment malfunctions and you should have been aware that the system or equipment was unavailable for use or malfunctioning, we will only be responsible for correcting errors in your account and refunding any charges or fees imposed on you as a result.

## **30A. Confirmation of Payee**

Confirmation of Payee is a service that:

- may be provided to a payer by their financial institution; and
- may allow the payer to confirm the account name of the BSB and account number they want to make a payment to.

We will endeavour to ensure your account details are accurately recorded by us for the purposes of the use of the Confirmation of Payee service. You acknowledge and authorise:

- us to use and disclose your account details as part of Confirmation of Payee; and
- payers' financial institutions to use your account details for the purposes of Confirmation of Payee and prior to making payments to you.

To the extent your account details and the use of your account details as part of Confirmation of Payee constitutes disclosure, storage and use of your personal information within the meaning of the Privacy Law, you acknowledge and agree that you consent to that disclosure, storage and use.

At our discretion we may permit you to opt-out of Confirmation of Payee in very limited circumstances. Please contact us if you wish to opt-out of Confirmation of Payee.

In the event that we accept your request to opt-out of Confirmation of Payee, you nonetheless acknowledge and authorise us to confirm, disclose, store and use your account details through the Confirmation of Payee service to government agencies for the purposes of government agencies making payments to you.

You may provide alternative names to be recorded on your account for the purposes of Confirmation of Payee in some circumstances. Please contact us if you wish to do so.

# **Part C – Other Important Information**

## **31. ePayments Code**

We will comply with the requirements of the ePayments Code, where those requirements apply to your dealings with us.

## **32. Banking Code of Practice**

The Banking Code of Practice applies to your account.

General descriptive information about our banking services is available on request in the form of our Bankwest Banking Services Rights and Obligations brochure. It includes, in particular, information about account opening procedures, our obligations regarding the confidentiality of your information, our complaint handling procedures, bank cheques, and on the advisability of you reading the terms and conditions applying to our banking services and of informing us promptly when you are in financial difficulty.

## **33. Tax File Number (TFN)**

It isn't against the law if you choose not to give us your TFN or exemption. However, if you do not provide your TFN or exemption, we are obliged by law to deduct the tax from interest earned and send it to the Tax Office.

## **34. Marketing and commercial messages**

This clause relates to the marketing and commercial electronic messages we may send you. By this clause you consent to receiving those messages, but you have the option to withdraw that consent and tell us not to send them.

If you provide us with your contact details (such as your email and telephone number) and other personal information, you agree that we may use them to communicate with you (unless you tell us not to), including:

- to send you commercial electronic messages;
- for direct marketing purposes; and

- to make phone calls to you for an indefinite period, in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Do Not Call Register Act 2006 (Cth), unless you tell us not to.

By registering for online services (such as Bankwest Online Banking) or accessing Bankwest applications (such as the Bankwest app), you also agree that (unless you tell us not to) we may send you commercial electronic messages and/or direct marketing through these online services and applications (including push notifications, in-app messages and notifications, or messages to your Bankwest Online Banking inbox).

You agree that each time you use an automated digital assistant that is available in our online services or applications, we may send you commercial electronic messages or direct marketing through that assistant's response to you.

Sometimes we use third party service providers such as marketing companies or mail houses to send messages on our behalf for direct marketing purposes. You agree that (unless you tell us not to) we may share your personal information with marketing companies or mail houses so they can send you direct marketing messages and commercial electronic messages.

### **Changing your preferences**

We will provide you with options you may use to opt out of receiving commercial electronic messages we send you and to choose the way we send them to you. While in some cases one of the options may be an unsubscribe facility, you agree we are not required to include an unsubscribe facility in commercial electronic messages we send you.

Opting out of commercial electronic messages may impact our ability to provide you with information about all the benefits that are available as our customer. There are, however, messages that we must be able to send you and which you will not be able to opt out of receiving.

## **35. Procedures for Handling Errors and Disputed Transactions**

### **35.1 Tell us if you have a problem**

If your complaint relates to a Linked Account Transfer, please refer to Clause 34.2.

At Bankwest, we believe in listening to our customers. This is the only way to continually improve our products and services to meet your needs. If you have a complaint about our services, products, facilities or any other aspect of Bankwest, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact our Contact Centre on **13 17 19**.

You can also give feedback in the following ways:

- by calling our toll free number –  
**Freecall 1800 650 111**;
- by completing our feedback form; or
- by visiting [bankwest.com.au](http://bankwest.com.au) and completing the electronic feedback form.

Our staff will do everything they can to rectify your problem immediately. We strive, wherever possible, to resolve your complaint within 5 working days. If you're still not satisfied, you can ask our Customer Care Team to review the matter.

Contact them by writing to:

**Manager Customer Care**  
**GPO Box E237, Perth WA 6841**

or phone or fax to:

**Telephone: Freecall 1800 650 111**  
**Fax: 1300 259 233.**

You will be advised of the details (including the time frames) of our internal dispute resolution process and an officer with the appropriate authority to resolve the dispute will investigate your complaint thoroughly. We will do our best to resolve any complaint promptly and to your satisfaction.

When we advise you of our decision we will also advise you of further action you may take in respect of your complaint if you are not satisfied with our decision. For instance, you may be able to refer the matter (free of charge) to:

**Australian Financial Complaints Authority**  
**GPO Box 3**  
**Melbourne VIC 3001**

or phone to:

**Telephone: 1800 931 678**  
**Website: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)**

You may also be able to refer your complaint to consumer affairs departments or small claims tribunals.



## **35.2 Concerns relating to Linked Account Transfers**

If you believe a Linked Account Transfer is wrong or unauthorised or you think there is something wrong with an entry on an account statement you must tell us immediately by:

- contacting our Contact Centre on **13 17 19**;
- messaging us in the Bankwest App;
- logging on to [bankwest.com.au](https://bankwest.com.au) and following the procedures it sets out for disputing a transaction;
- writing to us at the address shown on your account statement containing the suspected error.

We will advise you of the steps you must take so we can investigate the matter. You must give us full details of the transactions you are querying.

## **35.3 Our investigations**

We will notify you of the name and contact number of the officer investigating your dispute. If we are unable to resolve the matter within 5 days to your and our satisfaction we shall advise you in writing of our procedures for further investigation and handling of your complaint.

Within 21 days of receiving your complaint, we will advise you in writing of either:

- the outcome of our investigation; or
- the fact that we need more time to complete our investigation.

We will complete our investigation within 45 days of receipt of your complaint, unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances, we will write to you and let you know the reasons for the delay and provide you with monthly updates on the progress of our investigation and its likely resolution date, except where we are waiting for a response from you and you have been advised that we require such a response.

## **35.4 Outcome**

If required under the ePayments Code, on completion of our investigation, we shall advise you in writing of the outcome of our investigation and the reasons for our decision with reference to the relevant provisions of these Conditions of Use and the ePayments Code.

If we decide that your account has been incorrectly debited or credited we shall adjust your account (including any interest and charges) and notify you in writing of the amount of the adjustment.

If we decide that you are liable for all or part of the disputed transaction, we will supply you with copies of any document or other evidence on which we base our findings, if these show that your account has not been incorrectly charged or credited. We will also advise you if there was any system or equipment malfunction at the time of the transaction.

## **35.5 If you are not satisfied**

If you are not satisfied with our findings, you may request our Customer Relations Department to review the matter. If you then remain unsatisfied, you can seek assistance from AFCA.

For the contact details of each of our Customer Care Team and AFCA, see Clause 34.1.

## **35.6 If we fail to comply with these procedures**

If we fail to observe the procedures set out in this clause or the ePayments Code for handling disputes, allocating liability or communicating the reasons for our decision and that failure contributes to our decision or delays the resolution of your complaint, we may be liable for part or all of the amount of the disputed transaction.

# **36. 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>.

## 37. Additional Obligations

The Bank may be subject to laws or regulations in Australia or another country that affect your relationship with the Bank (eg. Laws that address tax evasion). So that we may comply with our obligations under these laws or regulations, we may:

- require you to provide information about you or your product;
- disclose any information we are required to concerning you (including sending your information overseas);
- if required to do so, withhold an amount from a payment to you, and if we do, we will not reimburse you for the amount withheld; and/or
- take such other action as is reasonably required, including, for example, closing your account.

## Bankwest Smart eSaver Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

1. Bankwest, a division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, will arrange for funds to be debited to your Linked Account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request.
2. We will give you at least 14 days' written notice if we propose to vary the terms of this agreement or the Direct Debit Request.
3. If you wish to defer any debit payment or alter any of the details in the Direct Debit Request, you must either contact contact the Contact Centre on **13 17 19** or message us in the Bankwest App or write to Bankwest at the following address:  
**GPO Box W2072  
Perth WA 6846.**
4. If you wish to stop individual debit payments or cancel the Direct Debit Request, you must give at least 7 days' written notice to Bankwest. All requests for stops or cancellations may be directed to us or the institution with which you hold your Linked Account.
5. If you have any queries concerning debit payments or dispute any debit payments from your Linked Account, you should notify us by contacting the Contact Cetnre on **13 17 19** or messaging us in the Bankwest App. Claims may also be directed to the institution with which you hold your Linked Account. Details of the claims process are set out in Part C of this document.

6. Direct debiting is not available on the full range of accounts at all financial institutions. If in doubt you should check with the financial institution with which you hold your Linked Account before completing the Direct Debit Request.
7. You should ensure that the Linked Account details given in the Direct Debit Request are correct by checking them against a recent statement from the financial institution at which the account is held.
8. It is your responsibility to have sufficient cleared funds available in your Linked Account to enable debit payments to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request.
9. If a debit payment falls due on any day which is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next business day. If you are uncertain as to when a debit will be processed to your Linked Account, please contact the financial institution at which the account is held.
10. Except where the terms of your account permit disclosure and except to the extent that disclosure is necessary in order to process debit payments, investigate and resolve disputed debits, or is otherwise required or permitted by law, we will keep details of your account and debit payments confidential.

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Call 13 17 19.  
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