

Basic information about the protection of your eligible deposits

Eligible deposits in The Stafford Building Society are protected by	The Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("FSCS") (see section 1. below).
Limit of protection	£120,000 per depositor per bank / building society / credit union – (see section 2. below).
If you have more eligible deposits at the same bank / building society / credit union	All your eligible deposits at the same bank / building society / credit union are "aggregated" and the total is subject to the limit of £120,000 – (see section 2 below).
If you have a joint account with another person(s)	The limit of £120,000 applies to each depositor separately. – (see section 3 below).
Reimbursement period in case of building society or credit union's failure	7 working days (see section 4. below).
Currency of reimbursement	Pound sterling (GBP, £)
To contact The Stafford Building Society for enquiries relating to your account	Address: The Stafford Building Society, 4 Market Square, Stafford, ST16 2JH Email: mutual@srbs.co.uk Tel: 01785 223212
To contact the FSCS for further information on compensation	Address: Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU Tel: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100 Email: enquires@fscs.org.uk
More information	https://www.fscs.org.uk

1. Scheme responsible for the protection of your eligible deposit

Your eligible deposit is covered by a statutory Deposit Guarantee Scheme. If the insolvency of your bank, building society, or credit union should occur, your eligible deposits would be repaid up to £120,000 by the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

2. General limit of protection

If a covered deposit is unavailable because a bank, building society, or credit union is unable to meet its financial obligations, depositors are repaid by a Deposit Guarantee Scheme. This repayment covers a maximum of £120,000 per bank, building society or credit union. This means that all eligible deposits at the same bank, building society or credit union are added up to determine the coverage level. If, for instance a depositor holds a savings account with £115,000 and a separate account with £20,000, they will only be repaid £120,000.

In some cases, eligible deposits which are categorised as "temporary high balances" are protected above £120,000 for six months after the amount has been credited, or from the moment when such eligible deposits become legally transferable.

These are eligible deposits connected with certain events including:

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

More information can be obtained under <https://www.fscs.org.uk>.

3. Limit of protection for joint accounts

In the case of joint accounts, the limit of £120,000 applies to each depositor.

However, eligible deposits in an account to which two or more persons are entitled as members of a business partnership, association or grouping of a similar nature, without legal personality, are aggregated and treated as if made by a single depositor for the purpose of calculating the limit of £120,000.

4. Reimbursement

The responsible Deposit Guarantee Scheme is the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10th Floor Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London, EC3A 7QU, Tel: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100, Email: enquires@fscs.org.uk. It will repay your eligible deposits (up to £120,000) within 7 working days, save where specific exceptions apply.

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

If you have not been repaid within these deadlines, you should contact the Deposit Guarantee Scheme, since the time to claim reimbursement may be barred after a certain time limit. Further information can be obtained under <https://www.fscs.org.uk>.

Other Important Information

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

FSCS Exclusions List

A deposit is excluded from protection if:

1. The holder and any beneficial owner of the deposit have never been identified in accordance with money laundering requirements. For further information, contact your bank, building society or credit union.
2. The deposit arises out of transactions in connection with which there has been a criminal conviction for money laundering.
3. It is a deposit made by a depositor which is one of the following:
 - o credit institution
 - o financial institution
 - o investment firm
 - o insurance undertaking
 - o reinsurance undertaking
 - o collective investment undertaking
 - o pension or retirement fund¹
 - o public authority, other than a small local authority.
4. It is a deposit of a credit union to which the credit union itself is entitled.
5. It is a deposit which can only be proven by a financial instrument² unless it is a savings product which is evidenced by a certificate of deposit made out to a named person and which existed in the UK, Gibraltar or a Member State of the EU on 2 July 2014).
6. It is a deposit of a collective investment scheme which qualifies as a small company.³
7. It is a deposit of an overseas financial services institution which qualifies as a small company.⁴
8. It is a deposit of certain regulated firms (investment firms, insurance undertakings and reinsurance undertakings) which qualify as a small business or a small company⁵ - refer to the FSCS for further information on this category.
9. It is not held by an establishment of a bank, building society or credit union in the UK or, in the case of a bank or building society incorporated in the UK, it is not held by an establishment in Gibraltar.

For further information about exclusions, refer to the FSCS website at www.FSCS.org.uk

We want every member to feel supported. If there's anything we can do to make things easier for you – for example, if you're living with a health condition, disability, or other personal circumstances – please let us know so we can support you in the way that works best for you.

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

² As listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001, read with Part 2 of that Schedule.

³ Under the Companies Act 1985 or the Companies Act 2006.

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