

## **The Consumer Council Current Account Comparison Table**

Rates apply to Current Account products with overdrafts and are correct as of July 2022

Key

Branch



**Post Office** 



Telephone

**Smart Phone App** 



**Text Alert** 

Internet

| Supplier           | Account                       | Benefits and Rewards   | Monthly Account<br>Fee   | Authorised Overdraft Rate (EAR)   | Unauthorised Overdraft<br>Rate (EAR)  | Number<br>of<br>Branches | Account<br>Access | Link          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| AIB                | Classic<br>Account            |  | Nil  | 0% on overdrafts up to £200.<br>AIB (NI) base rate + 14.5% on balance<br>over £200. | 0%. £5 unpaid transaction fee.<br>£90 per month cap.                              | 7                        |                   | Click<br>here |
| Bank of<br>Ireland | Clear Account                 |  | Nil  | 29.50% (33.83% APR)   | 29.50% (33.83% APR)<br>£1.50 for each payment item<br>refused. £30 per month cap. | 13                       |                   | Click<br>here |
|                    | Barclays Bank<br>Account      | Blue Rewards Scheme: pay<br>in £800+ per month and<br>pay £5 per month, and get<br>£5 back with 2 direct<br>debits. Cash rewards on<br>selected products.  | Nil  Blue Rewards Scheme is optional - £5 & requires funding into account of £800 monthly. | 0.00% up to £15<br>35.0% thereafter.  | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available  |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
| Barclays           | Premier<br>Current<br>Account | 24/7 access to dedicated Premier relationship team. Option to collect Avios rewards to put towards British Airways flights. Exclusive debit card with up to £1,000 daily ATM withdrawals. Fee-free international payments. | Nil Requires funding of £75,000 per year or a minimum of £100,000 saved or invested.       | 0.00% up to £500.<br>35.0% thereafter.  | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available  | 6                        |                   | Click<br>here |
| Danske<br>Bank     | Cash Reward                   | £7 monthly reward if<br>£1,200 paid in and you log<br>on to eBanking or Danske<br>Mobile Bank at least once<br>each month.   | £2   | 33.14% (38.67 annualised rate)  | 0%<br>£7.50 unpaid transaction fee.<br>£22.50 per month cap.                      | 32                       |                   | Click<br>here |
| Danske<br>Bank     | Danske<br>Choice              |  | Nil  | 33.14% (38.67 annualised rate)  | 0%<br>£7.50 unpaid transaction fee.<br>£22.50 per month cap.                      |                          |                   | Click<br>here |

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|          | Reward<br>Current<br>Account             | Earn £5 or a lifestyle benefit (including cinema ticket, movie rental or digital magazine) each month depending on conditions being met. Up to 15% cashback from partner retailers.   | Nil if you pay in £1,500 or more each month. £3 per month otherwise. | 39.9 %.  | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available  | - 15                     | TII POST          | Click<br>here |
| Halifax  | Ultimate<br>Reward<br>Current<br>Account | Earn £5 or a lifestyle<br>benefit each month. Up to<br>15% cashback from partner<br>retailers. Worldwide multi-<br>trip family travel insurance.<br>Mobile phone insurance.<br>Home emergency cover. AA<br>breakdown cover. | £17  | 39.9%. £50 fee free buffer.                            | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available  |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|          | Advance Bank<br>Account                  | Get discounts on dining, travel, shopping and more. Optional arranged overdraft of at least £1,000.   | Nil, but you must qualify for an optional arranged overdraft.        | 39.9%. £25 fee free buffer.                            | 39.9%. £20 cap.   |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
| нѕвс     | Bank Account                             | Get discounts on dining,<br>travel, shopping and more.<br>Up to £300 daily ATM<br>withdrawals. 1% AER/gross<br>on savings.  | Nil  | 39.9%. £25 fee free buffer.                            | 39.9%. £20 cap.   |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|          | Bank Account<br>Pay Monthly              | £50 interest free emergency borrowing (unarranged overdraft). Commission-free foreign currency (£100-£2,500).   | Nil  | 39.9%. £25 fee free buffer.                            | £50 fee free emergency<br>borrowing. No further<br>unauthorised overdraft<br>available. | 5                        |                   | Click<br>here |
| нѕвс     | Premier Bank<br>Account                  | Complimentary worldwide<br>travel insurance.<br>Preferential terms on<br>mortgages and savings.   | Nil, depending on<br>eligibility conditions<br>being met.            | 0% on the first £500.<br>39.9 % for amounts over £500. | 39.9%. £20 cap.   |                          |                   | Click<br>here |

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| Nationwide | FlexDirect                     | Up to £125 for switching. 2% AER interest on balances up to £1,500 for 12 months. After the first 12 months, it's 0.25% AER. Requires £1,000 paid in monthly. Interest free arranged overdraft for 12 months.             | Nil                    | 12 months fee free.<br>39.9% after 12 months.  | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available    |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|            | FlexPlus                       | Up to £125 for switching. UK & European Breakdown and Recovery Assistance. Worldwide Family Mobile Phone Insurance. Worldwide Family Travel Insurance. Commission-free when making a purchase or withdrawing cash abroad. | £13                    | 39.90%   | No unauthorised overdraft<br>available    | 13                       |                   | Click<br>here |
|            | FlexAccount                    | Up to £125 for switching.<br>Interest free arranged<br>overdraft for 12 months.   | Nil                    | 39.90%   | No unauthorised overdraft available       |                          |                   |               |
| Santander  | Everyday<br>Current<br>Account | £140 cashback for<br>switching.<br>Up to 15% cashback from<br>partner retailers   | Nil                    | 39.94%. If you're switching there's no arranged overdraft interest charged for the first 4 months. | 0%<br>No charges for stopped<br>payments. | 22                       |                   | Click<br>here |

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|             | 123 Current<br>Account         | £140 cashback for switching. 0.30% on balances up to £20,000. Up to 3% cashback on selected household bills (capped at £5). Up to 15% cashback from partner retailers.  | £4, requires funding of<br>£500 and 2 active<br>Direct Debits per<br>month.  | 39.94%.  If you're switching there's no arranged overdraft interest charged for the first 4 months.  O%  No charges for stopped payments.           | No charges for stopped  | 22                       |                   | Click<br>here |
| Santander   | 123 Lite<br>Current<br>Account | £140 cashback for<br>switching.<br>Up to 3% cashback on<br>selected household bills<br>(capped at £5). Up to 15%<br>cashback from partner<br>retailers.   | £2, requires funding of<br>£500, log onto Mobile<br>or Online Banking at<br>least once every 3<br>months and 2 active<br>Direct Debits per<br>month. | 39.94%. If you're switching there's no arranged overdraft interest charged for the first 4 months.  | 0%<br>No charges for stopped<br>payments.   |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|             | Select Current<br>Account      | £140 cashback for switching.  0.30% on balances up to £20,000. Up to 3% cashback on selected household bills (capped at £5). Up to 15% cashback from partner retailers. £1,000 daily ATM withdrawal limit. Fee-free withdrawals at Santander cash machines abroad when you choose the local currency. | £4, requires funding of<br>£5,000 or keep £75,000<br>in any Santander<br>investment(s), savings<br>or current accounts.                              | 0% on balances below £500. 39.94% for amounts over £500. If you're switching there's no arranged overdraft interest charged for the first 4 months. | 0%<br>No charges for stopped<br>payments.   |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
| Ulster Bank | Private<br>Current<br>Account  | £150 for switching. Access to preferential financial rates and services. Your own dedicated premier banking manager and support team. Emergency cash if your debit card is lost or stolen.  | Requires at least<br>£75,000 paid in per<br>year (£100,000 for a<br>joint account) or<br>savings and<br>investments of at least<br>£100,000          | 19.49%.   | 19.49% £17.25 monthly cap.<br>£2.15 unpaid transaction fee<br>(capped at £2.15 per charging<br>period). Monthly cap of<br>£19.40. | 44                       |                   | Click<br>here |

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| Ulster Bank | Select<br>Account  | £150 for switching.<br>Emergency cash if your<br>debit card is lost or stolen.  | Nil                    | 39.49%.                         | 39.49% £17.25 monthly cap.<br>£2.15 unpaid transaction fee<br>(capped at £2.15 per charging<br>period). Monthly cap of<br>£19.40.  |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|             | ufirstgold Account  (only available to existing Ulster Bank current account holders)             | £150 for switching. Annual worldwide family travel insurance. Mobile phone insurance. 15% cash- back on concerts, shows and sporting events.  | £10                    | 39.49%.                         | 39.49%. £17.25 monthly cap.<br>£2.15 unpaid transaction fee<br>(capped at £2.15 per charging<br>period). Monthly cap of<br>£19.40. |                          |                   | Click<br>here |
|             | ufirst Private Current Account  (only available to existing Ulster Bank current account holders) | £150 for switching. Worldwide airport lounge access. Travel insurance. Mobile phone insurance. 15% cash-back on concerts, shows and sporting events. Access to preferential financial rates and services. | £26                    | 19.49%.                         | 19.49% £17.25 monthly cap.<br>£2.15 unpaid transaction fee<br>(capped at £2.15 per charging<br>period). Monthly cap of<br>£19.40.  |                          |                   | Click<br>here |