



### **CASH RECOMMENDATIONS – FEBRUARY 2022**

In this report, we have updated our figures to set out what we believe to be the most competitive rates on the various types of personal deposit accounts available at the moment. These accounts are also protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) where if a provider fails, the FSCS will pay out an amount of £85,000 per person, or £170,000 for a joint account.

If the account is with NS&I, who is backed by HM Treasury, your full balance is protected. While the rates with NS&I are no longer market leading, this feature is still particularly useful when looking to place large sums, for example, following the sale of a property. The rates quoted may be subject to change and should be checked with the relevant provider before applying.

# Easy Access, Instant Access – no notice savings accounts

For many people, being able to instantly access their savings not only is the most convenient but is the most sensible option for them.

Recommendations: -

Investec Bank online Flexi Saver	0.71% gross AER
SAGA Easy Access Savings	0.60% gross AER
Ford Money Flexible Saver	0.63% gross AER
Aldermore Easy Access Account Iss 15	0.50% gross AER
NS&I Direct Saver	0.50% gross AER
Tesco Bank Internet Saver	0.49% gross AER
Nationwide Triple Access online saver	0.45% gross AER

#### **Tax Free Savings Accounts**

Your ISA allowance for the 2020/21 tax year is £20,000 and the full amount can be invested in a stocks & shares ISA or a cash ISA (or any combination of the two).

Recommendations: -

For new ISAs and transfers:

SAGA Cash ISA
Ford Money Flexi Cash ISA
Tesco Bank Instant Access ISA
Sainsbury's Bank Cash ISA
Virgin Money Easy Access Cash ISA
NS&I Direct ISA

0.60% gross AER
0.50% gross AER
0.40% gross AER
0.40% gross AER
0.35% gross AER

#### **Children's Savings Accounts**

While interest rates for adults are falling, your children or grandchildren can earn more on their savings

Recommendations: -

Barclays Regular Saver 1.51% gross AER
Santander 123 Mini Account 3.00% gross AER
HSBC My Savings 2.50% gross AER

Junior ISAs:

Tesco Bank2.25% gross AERHalifax2.00% gross AERCoventry Building Society2.25% gross AER

#### **Bonds, Term & Notice Savings Accounts**

Bonds or term savings accounts could suit you if you have some spare money that you do not mind tying up for a set period.

Recommendations: -

Secure Trust 5-year fixed rate bond
Hodge Bank 3-year fixed rate bond
Kent Reliance 2-year fixed rate bond
Investec 1-year fixed rate saver
NS&I Green Bond 3-year Term
Secure Trust 60 day notice
Close Brothers 35 day notice

2.15% gross AER
1.70% gross AER
1.54% gross AER
0.65% gross AER
0.85% gross AER
0.70% gross AER

## **NOTES**

Some of the banks and building societies listed in this report share their FSCS compensation limit with others. They are as follows:

Bank/ Building Society	FSCS limit shared with
Halifax	Bank of Scotland
	Birmingham Midshires
	Intelligent Finance
	Bank of Wales
HSBC	First Direct
Investec	Moneybox
	Plum
SAGA	Marcus by Goldman Sachs
Post Office	Bank of Ireland
	AA Savings
Santander	Cahoot
Virgin Money	Clydesdale Bank
	Yorkshire Bank