

Check It Out

FDIC Money Smart for Young Adults





Building: Knowledge, Security, Confidence

Objectives

- State the benefits of using a checking account
- Determine which checking account is best for you
- Identify the steps involved in opening a checking account
- Add money to and withdraw money from a checking account
- Reconcile a check register with a bank statement

Cash versus Check?











Checking Accounts

A checking account allows you to:

- Deposit money into your account
- Withdraw money from your account
- Write checks or use a debit card to pay bills and buy goods





Benefits of Checking Accounts

- Convenience
- Cost



- Better money management
- Safety



Activity 1: Comparing Costs

Complete Activity 1 in your Participant Guide

- Read the scenarios
- Answer the questions to compare costs
- Determine who saves more money



Better Money Management

 Manage your money by recording your transactions

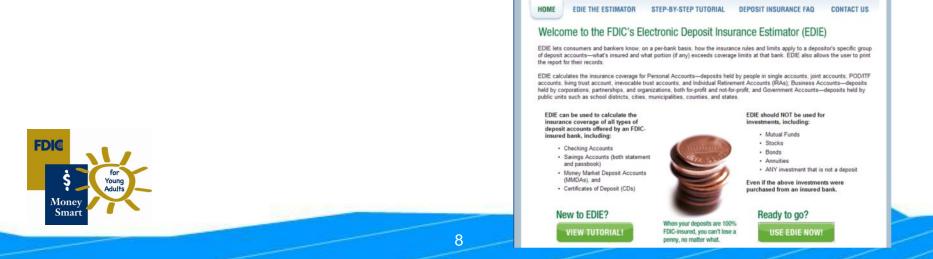
 Build a positive relationship with your bank





Safety

- Keep your money in an insured financial institution
- Calculate the insurance coverage
 - www.myfdicinsurance.gov



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Types of Checking Accounts

- Free/low-cost checking
- Electronic-only/ATM checking
- Regular checking
- Interest-bearing checking





Activity 2: Types of Checking Accounts

Complete Activity 2 in your Participant Guide

- Read the scenarios
- Decide which type of checking account would be best for each parent



Fee Schedule

Common fees include:

- Monthly service fee
- Minimum balance fee
- ATM-use fee
- Overdraft fee
- Stop-payment fee





Activity 3: Understanding Bank Fees

Complete Activity 3 in your Participant Guide

 Use the Stars and Stripes fee schedule to answer the questions



Opening a Checking Account

You will generally need:

- Photo Identification (ID)
- Your Social Security number (SSN)
- An opening deposit





Account Verification

Purpose:

- To make sure that you will be a responsible bank account customer
- To ensure that no one is trying to steal your identity to open an account





Activity 4: Are You Ready for a Checking Account?

Complete Activity 4 in your Participant Guide

Complete the questions



Using A Checking Account

- When you open a checking account, you generally receive:
 - An ATM or debit card
 - A checkbook
 - A check register





Activity 5: Recording Transactions

Complete Activity 5 in your Participant Guide

Record the opening deposit in your check register



Activity 5: Recording Transactions

Check	Date	Description of	Payment/Debit	Deposit/Credit	Balance
Number		Transaction	(-)	(+)	
	3/20	Opening Deposit		200 00	200 00



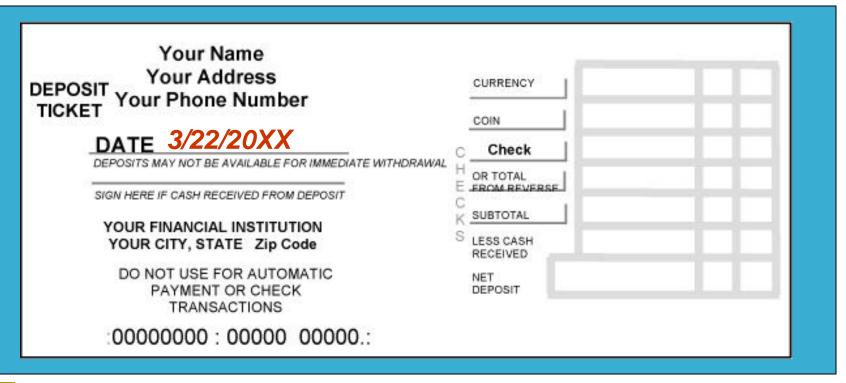
Add Money to Your Checking Account

- Cash or check deposit using a teller
- Deposit by mail
- Direct deposit
- ATM deposit





Sample Deposit Slip





Activity 6: Depositing Cash

Complete Activity 6 in your Participant Guide

- Fill in the deposit slip for a \$30.00 cash deposit
- Record it in your check register



Activity 6: Depositing Cash

Check	Date	Description of	Payment/Debit	Deposit/Credit	Balance
Number		Transaction	(-)	(+)	
	3/20	Opening Deposit		200 00	\$200 00
	3/22	Deposit		30 00	\$230 00

Your Name Address	Deposit Ticket	Cash	30	00
City, State, Zip	00002215607	Checks		
Date March 22, 20 Deposits May Not be	OXX Available for Immediate Withdrawal			
Sign Here for Cash R	Total	30	00	
Your Financial Institu	ution	Less Cash Received		
241071212 0000	92215607 2201	Total Deposit	30	00



Endorsing a Check

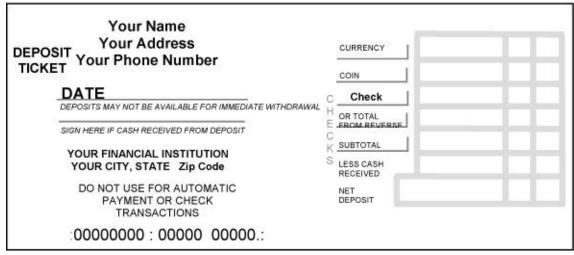
For Deposit Only

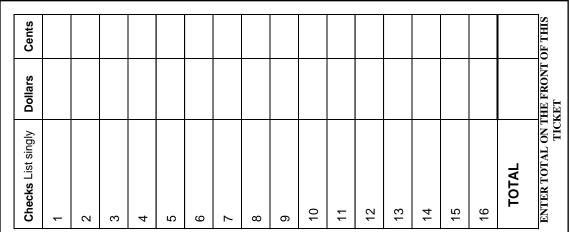
Your Signature

DO NOT WRITE, STAMP OR SIGN BELOW THIS LINE RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE *



Sample Deposit Slip Front and Back







Activity 7: Depositing A Check

Complete Activity 7 in your Participant Guide

- Fill out the deposit slip for a \$50.00 check deposit with \$25.00 cash back
- Record it in your check register



Activity 7: Depositing A Check

Check	Date	Description of	Payment/Debit	Deposit/Credit	Balance
Number		Transaction	(-)	(+)	
	3/20	Opening Deposit		200 00	\$200 00
	3/22	Deposit		30 00	\$230 00
	3/24	Deposit		50 00	\$280 00
	3/24	Withdrawal	25 00		\$255 00

Your Name	Cash			
Address City, State, Zip	Deposit Ticket 00002215608	Checks	50	00
Your Signat	Available for Immediate Withdrawal	Total	50	00
Sign Here for Cash R Your Financial Institu	Less Cash Received	25	00	
241071212 0000	02215608 2201	Total Deposit	25	00



Mail Deposits

 Include a deposit slip with the check

 NEVER send cash through the mail





Direct Deposit

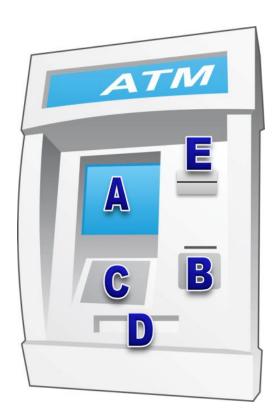
 Occurs when your employer or a government agency deposits your paycheck or benefits into your checking account electronically





ATM Deposits

- ATMs allow you to make deposits and withdrawals 24/7.
- ATM parts include:
 - A. ATM screen
 - B. ATM card slot
 - C. ATM keypad
 - D. Money dispenser
 - E. Deposit slot



Taking Money Out of Your Checking Account

- Write a check
- Use the teller service and a withdrawal slip
- Use an ATM





Steps to Writing a Check

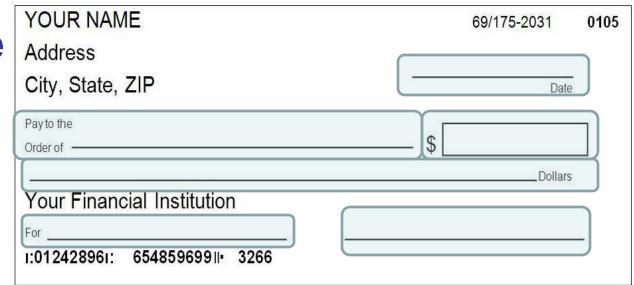
- Make sure you have enough money in your account
- 2. Complete the blank spaces on the check
- 3. Record the transaction in your check register





Step 2: Complete the Check

- Date
- Pay to the order of
- Amount
- Signature
- Memo





Activity 8: Writing A Check

Complete Activity 8 in your Participant Guide

Practice filling out a check



Activity 8: Writing A Check



Step 3: Record the Transaction

Check Number	Date	Description of Transaction	Payment/Debit (-)	Deposit/Credit (+)	Balance
	3/20	Opening Deposit		200 00	\$200 00
	3/22	Deposit		30 00	\$230 00
	3/24	Deposit		50 00	\$280 00
	3/24	Withdrawal	25 00		\$255 00
105	3/26	BestTees	19 75		\$235 25



Check Overdrafts

 You will be charged overdraft or non-sufficient funds (NSF) fees when you write a check without having enough money in your account to cover it

Knowingly writing a bad check is a crime

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Sample Opt-In Notice

If you also want us to authorize and pay overdrafts on ATM and everyday debit card transactions, call [telephone number], visit [Web site], or complete the form below and [present it at a branch][mail it to:
I do not want [Institution Name] to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions.
I want [Institution Name] to authorize and pay overdrafts on my ATM and everyday debit card transactions.
Printed Name:
Date:
[Account Number]:]



Bank Overdraft Programs

They may include:

- Linking your checking account to your savings account
- Linking your savings account to a line of credit
- Enrolling in an overdraft program



Other Ways to Withdraw Money

- Use the teller service and a withdrawal slip
- Use an ATM
 - If using another bank's ATM,
 be aware of the fees your
 bank and the other bank
 charge.





Electronic Banking

- ATM transactions
- Electronic bill pay
- Cell phone banking





ATM and Debit Cards

ATM cards can be used at:

- ATMs
- Point of Sale (POS) terminals participating in the same network as your card
- Debit cards can be used at:
 - Anywhere the major payment system (e.g., VISA or MasterCard) is accepted



ATM and Debit Cards

- If you card is lost or stolen, notify your bank within 2 days.
 - Otherwise, you may be responsible for more than \$50.00 of the unauthorized purchases.
- Temporary holds:
 - May be placed on funds in your account
 - Could prevent you from buying other things

Activity 9: Recording Cash & Debit Card Transactions

Complete Activity 9 in your Participant Guide

 Record a \$40.00 cash withdrawal and a debit card purchase for \$5.75 in your practice register



Activity 9: Recording Cash & Debit Card Transactions

Check	Date	Description of	Payment/Debit	Deposit/Credit	Balance
Number		Transaction	(-)	(+)	
	3/20	Opening Deposit		200 00	\$200 00
	3/22	Deposit		30 00	\$230 00
	3/24	Deposit		50 00	\$280 00
	3/24	Withdrawal	25 00		\$255 00
105	3/26	BestTees	19 75		\$235 25
	3/28	ATM withdrawal	40 00		\$195 25
	3/28	Lunch	5 25		\$190 00



Electronic Bill Pay

- Automatically pays your bills from your account
 - No postage
 - No late payments





Cell Phone (Mobile) Banking

Options may include:

- Text messaging with your financial institution
- Accessing your online bank account from your cell phone
- Instantly paying for purchases using your cell phone





Steps to Keeping Accurate Account Records

- 1. Record all transactions in your check register or budgeting software
- 2. Record maintenance fees, interest, and other bank charges
- 3. Review monthly checking account statements
- 4. Reconcile your check register with monthly checking account statements

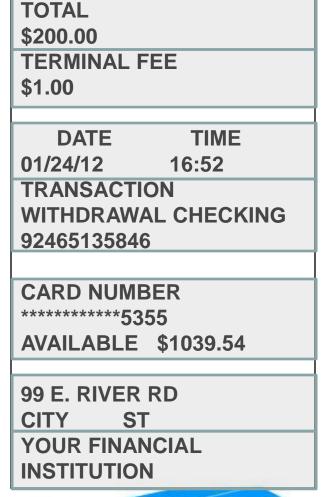
ATM Receipts

Printed receipts may include:

- Transaction amount
- Any extra fees charged
- Transaction date and time
- Transaction type

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- Account or card code and available balance
- ATM location, ID, or code
- Bank or merchant name



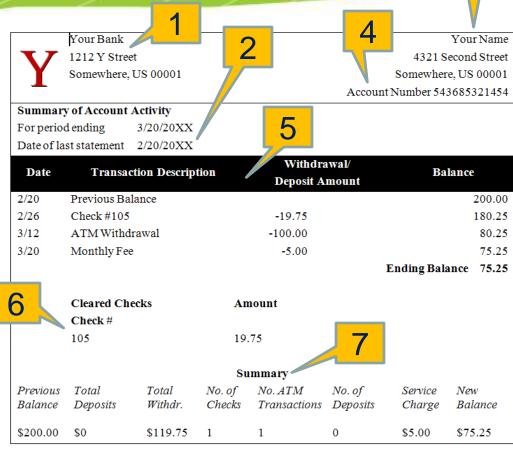
Checking Account Statement

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- 1. Bank name/address
- 2. Statement period
- 3. Your name/address
- 4. Account number
- 5. Transactions

Money

- 6. Cashed checks
- 7. Account summary with fees/charges



Reconciling Your Checking Account

 Balancing: Keeping your checkbook register up to date and maintaining totals



 Reconciling: Finding and correcting any differences between the statement balance and your check register balance

Activity 10: Reconciling Your Account

Turn to Activity 10 in your Participant Guide

- Complete Parts 1 and 2
- Use the sample statement and check register and the checking account reconciliation form



Activity 10: Reconciling Your Account

Step 2		Step 3		
List and total all outstanding		List and total all outstanding		
deposits		withdrawals or debits		
Date	Amount	Date	Amount	
		3/26/20XX	\$19.75	
		3/28/20XX	\$5.25	
Total		Total	\$25.00	



Activity 3: Checking Account Reconciliation Form

Step 4					
Account balance	\$210.00				
Add deposits outstanding (Step 2)	0				
Total	\$210.00				
Subtract withdrawals outstanding (Step 3)	\$25.00				
Balance	\$185.00				

^{*}This balance should agree with the balance in your check register.



Correcting Errors

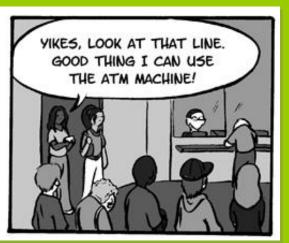
- Call, write, or visit your bank as soon as you find an error on your bank statement
- Follow up with a letter detailing the error



Module Summary









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Congratulations! You learned about:

- Benefits of having a checking account
- Types of checking accounts available
- Opening a checking account
- Writing checks
- Overdraft protection programs
- Using ATM and debit cards
- Making deposits and withdrawals
- Electronic banking
- Keeping accurate recordsReconciling an account

