Banks

High Street Banks and Building Societies

The most common bank you will come across is London and across the UK is the typical High Street bank or Building Society. These organisations are commercial banking businesses whose primary market is in consumer finance.

High Street Banks

There is a large number of what are known as High Street banks. The name High Street Bank comes from the positioning within towns and cities of branches of the bank, usually on the main shopping street or primary route through the town, commonly known as the High Street.

The following is a list of the most common High Street banks:

- Abby National
- Alliance & Leicester
- Bank of Scotland
- Barclays Bank
- Bristol & West
- Britannia Building Society
- Clydesdale Bank
- Co-operative Bank
- HSBC Bank PLC
- Lloyds TSB
- National Westminster Bank
- Northern Bank
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Scottish Widows Bank
- Standard Chartered Bank
- Standard Life Bank
- Yorkshire Bank

Building Societies

Barnsley Building Society
Bath Building Society
Beverley Building Society
Britannia Building Society
Buckinghamshire Building Society
Cambridge Building Society
Catholic Building Society
Century Building Society
Chelsea Building Society
Chesham Building Society
Cheshire Building Society
Chorley & District Building Society
City of Derry Building Society
Clay Cross Building Society
Coventry Building Society
Cumberland Building Society
Darlington Building Society
Derbyshire Building Society
Dudley Building Society
Dunfermline Building Society
Earl Shilton Building Society
Ecology Building Society
Furness Building Society
Hanley Building Society
Harpenden Building Society
Hinckley & Rugby Building Society
Holmesdale Building Society
Ipswich Building Society
Kent Reliance Building Society

Lambeth Building Society
Leeds & Holbeck Building Society
Leek United Building Society
Loughborough Building Society

Manchester Building Society
Mansfield Building Society
Market Harborough Building Society
Marsden Building Society
Mercantile Building Society
Melton Mowbray Building Society
Monmouthshire Building Society
National Counties Building Society
Nationwide Building Society
Newbury Building Society
Newcastle Building Society
Norwich and Peterborough Building Society
Nottingham Building Society
Penrith Building Society
Portman Building Society
Progressive Building Society
Saffron Walden Building Society
Scarborough Building Society
Scottish Building Society
Shepshed Building Society
Skipton Building Society
Stafford Railway Building Society
Staffordshire Building Society
Stroud and Swindon Building Society
Swansea Building Society
Teachers Building Society
The Principality Building Society
Tipton & Coseley Building Society
Universal Building Society
Vernon Building Society
West Bromwich Building Society
Yorkshire Building Society

Investment Banks

Coming soon...

Online Banks

- First Direct - First Direct is the UK's most recommended bank offering a range of innovative 24 hour, 365 day a year banking services including internet and mobile phone banking.

Useful Links:

- Bank of England - Central bank of England

- The Financial Ombudsman Service - Primary contact for complaints of unacceptable service from the financial organisations
- London Investment Banking Assocaition - LIBA is the principal trade association in the United Kingdom for firms which are active in the investment banking and securities industry