

## Types of Savings Accounts



**Short-term deposit and savings accounts** - You can usually open one of these accounts with about €10 and can save regular amounts or lump sums. No charges for holding a bank, building society, credit union or An Post savings account.

Type of Account	Interest	Withdrawing money	Where	DIRT payable	Risk
Demand account	Variable interest	You can withdraw your money immediately if you need it	Banks and Building Societies	Yes	Low
Notice account	Variable interest	You must give notice to withdraw (e.g. 30 days). In return you get a better rate of interest	Banks and Building Societies	Yes	Low
Term or fixed-rate account	Fixed rate interest	You must leave your money in for a set period of time	Banks and Building Societies	Yes	Low
Credit Union Share Account	Yearly dividend paid rather than interest	You can withdraw your money at any time	Credit Union	It depends on the type of savings account held Check <a href="http://www.creditunion.ie">www.creditunion.ie</a>	Low
An Post Deposit Account	Variable rate	You can withdraw your money at any time	Post Office - An Post	It depends on the type of savings account held. Check <a href="http://www.anpost.ie">www.anpost.ie</a>	Low

**Medium-term savings accounts** - You usually need a lump sum to start the account and you have to tie up your money for a few years in return for a higher rate of interest

Type of Account	Interest	Withdrawing money	Where	DIRT payable	Risk
Guaranteed Bonds - for lump sums	Fixed guaranteed rate of interest	Can't withdraw until the end of the agreed term (usually three to five years)	Banks, Building Societies and Investment firms	Yes	Low
Three to Five year accounts - for lump sums or regular amounts	Variable interest (usually)	Can't withdraw the money until the end of the fixed term	Banks, Building Societies, Investment firms and Credit Unions	Some of the dividend or interest is not taxed as long as you hold the account for the full term.	Low
Savings Bonds (State guaranteed savings) - minimum deposit of between €50 and €100	Fixed rate of interest	Usually three year term	Post Office - An Post	Check with An Post as you don't have to pay DIRT with some An Post accounts	Low
Savings Certificates (State guaranteed savings) - minimum deposit of between €50 and €100	Fixed rate of interest	Usually five and a half year term for higher rate of interest	Post Office - An Post	Check with An Post as you don't have to pay DIRT with some An Post accounts	Low
Instalment Savings (€25 a month or more for at least a year)	Fixed rate of interest increasing over the years	After a year	Post Office - An Post	Check with An Post as you don't have to pay DIRT with some An Post accounts	Low

**Long term investments** - These accounts are for long-term investors and usually carry a higher risk than short- or medium-term accounts

Type of Account	Interest	Withdrawing money	Where	DIRT payable	Risk
Tracker Bonds (minimum investment amount €5,000)	Variable interest linked to the stock market	Can't withdraw until the end of the fixed, agreed term (usually three to six years)	Usually managed on your behalf by life assurance companies or investment firms. Also banks and building societies may advise on and sell these products	Yes	Low - Medium
Unit-Linked Investment Plans	Variable interest linked to the growth in assets that your fund is invested in.	No set term. However, cashing in early may mean a loss on your investment	Usually managed on your behalf by life assurance companies or investment firms. Your money is pooled with money from other investors and investment managers decide how to invest it (bonds, equities, property, etc)	Yes	Medium - High

