

Filling in an application form

If you decide to open a bank account, you will be asked to fill in an application form, which you can pick up inside a bank.

Top tips

Proof of ID – You'll need to bring in some identification to prove you are who you say you are, such as a passport, an ID card, a birth certificate, medical card or driving licence. Check with your **financial provider** for a full list of acceptable documents.

Your name – Make sure that you enter your name in full on the form exactly as it appears on your proof of ID. If not, your application will be rejected.

Your address – You will need to provide evidence of your address. This can be in your parents' name as long as they have the same surname as you and live at the same address. If you don't have the same surname as the person paying the bills at your home address your school records can be used to confirm your identity or a letter of introduction can be provided by your school.

Branch name – each **branch** will have a specific name, so make sure you have the right one, or leave it blank to fill in when you take your application to the bank.

Nationality – a bank will need to know your **nationality** information to process your application.

Memorable word – If you ever forget your bank details, bank staff will be able to verify your identity by asking you what this word is. It's an effective security measure.

Telephone number and email address – sometimes your bank might need to get in touch with you.

Have a go at filling in a fictional application form



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