

HOW TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

If you are on a course lasting at least 6 months or more, you should be able to open a bank account here in the UK. You should check with the bank first to see what sort of account and services they offer. Remember to ask about any hidden fees. Save the Student have published a guide with a table of the [best bank accounts for international students this year](#).

Step 1 Register as a student

YOU MUST BE FULLY REGISTERED AS A STUDENT BEFORE YOU
CAN REQUEST A BANK ACCOUNT LETTER

Step 2 Complete a BANK LETTER REQUEST FORM (available online through [Ask Herts](#))

Step 3 Your letter will be sent to you electronically - it could take up to 5 working days

Step 4 If you need a physical copy you can collect it from any of the Ask Herts Hubs – remember to bring your **Student ID card**. A friend can collect your letter, please email ask@herts.ac.uk to give your permission and provide your friend's details. Your friend will need to prove their identity – DO NOT give them your Student ID card

Step 5 Take your letter, passport and BRP card to the bank. The bank will also ask you to complete an application form.

Please note if you are studying for more than 6 months but less than 2 years (UG) or 1 year (PG) you will not be eligible for a Student Additions account at Barclays.

Note: If you are an HIC student, you should contact the HIC Office on College Lane Campus.

Local banks near Hatfield:

Barclays – Unit 12, The Howards Centre, Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6HA

Halifax - 17/17A Town Centre, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0JZ

HSBC – Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6BH

Lloyds – 49 Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6BA

Natwest – 13 Stonehills, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6ND

Santander – 60 Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6BP