

Deposit Protection | Arab National Bank London Branch

Who is the FSCS?

The FSCS, also known as the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, is the UK's official compensation scheme for customers of authorised financial firms. It was established to protect individuals if a financial firm fails, meaning it can no longer meet its obligations. The FSCS steps in to compensate eligible customers, ensuring that people do not lose all their money when things go wrong with banks, building societies, or other financial institutions. It acts as a safety net for consumers and is independent of government. The FSCS is free for consumers, and it is funded by levies paid by the financial services industry.

What does the FSCS cover?

The FSCS covers a range of financial services, but it is primarily known for protecting the deposits in bank and building society accounts. This includes:

- Savings Accounts
- Current Accounts
- Cash ISAs
- Certain Temporary high balances.

For most personal accounts, the FSCS protects deposits up to £85,000 per person, per financial institution. If you have a joint account, the protection doubles to £170,000, since each person is covered up to £85,000. This protection ensures that if a bank fails you can get your money back, up to this limit.

What is not covered by the FSCS?

While the FSCS provides extensive coverage, there are some areas where it does not apply:

- The holder and any beneficial owner of the deposit have never been identified in accordance with money laundering requirements
- The deposit arises out of transactions in connection with which there has been a criminal conviction for money laundering
- Investments that lose value
- Cryptocurrencies
- Foreign currencies or deposits outside the UK
- Fraud and Scams
- It is a deposit made by a depositor which is one of the following:
 - Credit institution
 - Financial institution
 - Investment firm
 - Insurance undertaking
 - Reinsurance undertaking
 - Collective investment undertaking
 - Pension or retirement fund
 - Public authority

For further information on FSCS Deposit protection please use the link provided below:

<https://www.fscs.org.uk/what-we-cover/banks-building-societies-credit-unions/>