










## SOAS information for International Students Opening a bank account in the UK

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 中國銀行 BANK OF CHINA  bocukltd.co.uk 020 7437 5975	107 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1D 5DA  Located near Chinatown. You can also pay in money at your local HSBC, where deposits will take 4 days to clear.	Current Account	Bank letter from SOAS  Passport and BRP showing full length of visa	None	Receiving: From BoC – free. Other banks may charge.  Sending: Up to £2000 a charge of £15. Over £2000 charge up to £25. Over £5000 charge up to £35.	Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghainese and some dialect speakers.  <i>Information from Ms Iris Yu</i>
 BARCLAYS  barclays.co.uk	14 Upper Street Islington London N1 0PQ	International Student Account	Bank letter from SOAS or tenancy agreement or proof of private rent  Passport and BRP showing full length of visa	None	Receiving: £2-£13 dependent on country  Sending: £25 non-priority  £40 priority high speed payment	Book an appointment to open an account.

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 The co-operative bank good with money co- operativebank.co. uk 020 7404 1386	60 Kingsway London  WC2N 6DS	Cash minder	SOAS Bank Letter.  Passport or EU national ID card  BRP showing full length of visa	None	Receiving: free under £100. £6 for over £100.  Sending:- £8 (EU) £13 (World)	No appointment needed. 10 working days to open account.
 HALIFAX a little extra help halifax.co.uk 020 7530 9300	Unit 52 The Brunswick Centre WC1N 1AE	Easy Cash	Bank letter from SOAS  Passport or EU national ID card	None	Receiving: £7 over £100  Sending: £9.50	Apply in branch. Account opened in less than 15 days.
 HSBC hsbc.co.uk 08457 404 404	210 High Holborn WC1V 7BZ	Basic Bank Account	Bank letter from SOAS  Passport or EU national ID card	None	Receiving: 0 Sending: £4 online. Branch or phone £9-£30	Apply online or in branch. Please see HSBC website for timescale.
 Lloyds TSB lloydstsb.com	19-20 Upper Street Islington London N1 0PJ	Classic and Easy Saver	Bank letter from SOAS  Passport	None	Receiving: £2 up to £100/£7 over £100 Sending: £10 online up to £5000	Apply in branch or book an appointment and return at busy times.

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  natwest.com 020 7383 4122	Tavistock House Tavistock Square WC1H 9XA	Basic Account (limited ATM) or Student Account (any ATM), cash back	Bank letter from SOAS.  Passport and BRP showing full length of visa, or EU national ID card	None  None	Receiving: £7 - £12.50  Sending: £10 - £30	Accounts usually opened with 2 days but could be opened immediately with an appointment.
  rbs.co.uk 020 7387 6564	171 Tottenham Court Rd W1T 7DL	Basic Account	Bank letter from SOAS showing your course is minimum 1 year.  Passport or EU national ID card	None	Receiving: £7 Sending:- £10 (EU) £22 (World) £30 1 day expedited	Book an appointment to open an account. Account usually opened with 48 hours.
  santander.co.uk 05511 430582	University of London branch 164-167 Tottenham Court Road London W1T 7JE	International Student Account	Bank letter from SOAS  Passport and BRP showing full length of visa, or EU national ID card	£5	Receiving: None  Sending: £25 flat rate  No fee for deposit of non-UK cheque (max 1 per month)	<i>Information from Susana Marques</i>

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