

Who is eligible to use Instalment Savings?

- (a) an individual aged 18 years or more;
- (b) an individual aged less than 18 years, but only with the written consent of their parent or guardian;
- (c) jointly, by two or more individuals.

Maximum and Minimum Instalment

The maximum instalment is €1,000 per month whether in a sole holding or a joint holding of two or more people. Unlike the other State Savings products the maximum does not increase if more names are added to the account. The minimum monthly instalment is €25.

Methods of payment by instalment

Instalments may be paid by post, direct debit (on or after the 20th of each month), or by arrangement with your employer under a Group Savings Scheme (Your workplace Group Secretary will have application forms). Please see Terms and Conditions for further detail in relation to Group Schemes.

The attached application form allows you to select your preferred payment method.

Child Benefit

If your monthly child benefit is paid into your bank account you can arrange for it to be paid into an Instalment Savings account by completing the attached Direct Debit mandate.

Alternatively you can arrange for the automatic payment of your monthly Child Benefit by the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection directly into an Instalment Savings account – For contact details see page 6.

The National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) reserves the right to alter from time to time the Terms & Conditions (including rates of return) applicable to its products. The rate of return applicable to lodgments made to Instalment Savings will be the rate applicable at the date the first instalment in each 12 month cycle of instalments is made – see Contribution Period on page 3. You will be issued with an Annual Statement of Account but you may request a Statement at any time.



The State Savings Products are:

GROSS		State Savings Products	NET	
Total Return	AER ¹	FIXED RATE, FIXED TERM	AER ¹	Total Return
1.00%	0.33%	3 year Savings Bonds ²	0.33%	1.00%
2.00%	0.50%	4 year National Solidarity Bond ²	0.50%	2.00%
5.00%	0.98%	5 year Savings Certificates ²	0.98%	5.00%
16.00%	1.50%	10 year National Solidarity Bond ²	1.50%	16.00%
5.50%	0.98%	6 year Instalment Savings ^{2,3} (ALSO FOR CHILD BENEFIT)	0.98%	5.50%
		VARIABLE RATE⁶		
0.15%		Deposit Account ⁴		
0.50%		Prize Bonds ⁵		

¹ AER = "Annual Equivalent Rate".

² Not subject to tax in Ireland but please see Condition 4 Taxation in Specific Conditions.

³ Save in 12 monthly instalments and leave for 5 years. AER calculation assumes a 5½ year average life.

⁴ Subject to DIRT (Deposit Interest Retention Tax) at the prevailing rate.

⁵ Prize Bonds – The variable rate used to calculate prize fund is 0.50%. There are two €1 million prizes per annum and thousands of weekly prizes. No interest is paid to Prize Bond holders. Instead the interest is paid into the monthly prize fund, to be distributed to winners in the weekly draw.

⁶ Variable Rate means that the interest rate paid on this Product may be changed by the NTMA from time to time. Such changes will be notified by at least one of the following methods: direct notification to you by post, publication in a national newspaper, publication on StateSavings.ie or notification by any other means.

Brochures and Application Forms for State Savings Products listed above are available in any Post Office or online at StateSavings.ie. State Savings products are subject to Terms and Conditions and relevant legislation. You may find our Terms and Conditions booklet online and in Post Offices.

For more information on State Savings

Web: StateSavings.ie
 Telephone: 1850 30 50 60 / +353 1 705 7200
 SMS Text: 0852 30 50 60
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 Visit: Any Post Office
 Mail to: State Savings, GPO, Freepost, Dublin 1, D01 F5P2



Brochure and Application Form Instalment Savings



What are State Savings?

- State Savings form part of the National Debt of Ireland which is managed by the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA)
- When you save with State Savings you are placing your money directly with the Irish Government.
- The repayment of all State Savings money is a direct, unconditional obligation of the Irish Government.
- Repayment of your money includes principal, interest and bonus payments if due.

How can I buy State Savings Products?

- Call into any Post Office.
- Online at StateSavings.ie

The complete range of State Savings products are listed on our website StateSavings.ie.

1. Existing Customers

Existing State Savings customers for whom we already have the necessary Evidence of Identity documentation may purchase online, by mail or at any Post Office.

2. New Customers or last purchase was completed before October 2014

a. Please provide Original or Certified copies of each of the following:

- Proof of name (Current Passport or EU Driving Licence).
- Proof of address issued within last six months (Household Bill, Bank Statement, Letter from Revenue Commissioners).
- Proof of PPSN (Public Services Card, Letter from Revenue Commissioners or DEASP).

b. Complete Application Form.

c. Bring all documentation to your local Post Office or forward to the address detailed on page 6.

d. For Joint Applications, both customers need to attend at the Post Office for ID Verification.

3. State Savings Customer Number (SSCN)

The State Savings Customer Number (SSCN) is a unique customer number that identifies you and enables you to transact with us easily. Your SSCN may be printed on correspondence you receive from us. See www.Statesavings.ie/SSCN for more details.

4. Terms and Conditions

State Savings Products are subject to Maximum Holding Limits, other Terms and Conditions and relevant legislation. You may find our Terms and Conditions booklet online and in Post Offices.

5. Contact Us

Please contact us for further information at 1850 30 50 60, (Monday to Friday). Additional contact details are on Page 6.

Contribution Period

The Instalment Savings product allows you to save a fixed amount of money each month for a period of 12 months, known as the 'Contribution Period'. At the end of the Contribution Period, your accumulated savings earn interest for 5 years. This product currently pays a total return of 5.5% (AER 0.98%).

Term of Product

The term of the product is 6 years from the date of lodgement of your first monthly instalment. This is made up of the initial 12 month Contribution Period during which your monthly lodgements accumulate and the 5 year period during which interest is earned.

Early Repayment

You can cease making lodgements during the Contribution Period and/or withdraw your savings at any time during the 6 year term of the product. Any such withdrawals are subject to a 7 day notice period and the product's Terms and Conditions. While no penalties apply for early withdrawals, the return payments are structured so as to favour savers who hold the product for the full 6 year term. Therefore your return will be lower than the advertised 0.98%* AER if you withdraw your savings before the end of the 6 year product term. See table below for further information on the structure of the return payments.

Return

The Instalment savings product pays a total return of 5.5% tax free (AER of 0.98%*) if the product is held for its full 6 year term. Details of the payment structure are set out in the following table:

Completed Years since first instalment was paid	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Return %	0.0%	0.05%	0.50%	1.00%	3.50%	5.5%
Annual Equivalent Rate – AER	0.0%	0.03%	0.20%	0.28%	0.77%	0.98%
Encashment value of €1,000 at end of period	€1,000	€1,000.50	€1,005	€1,010	€1,035	€1,055

*The AER of 0.98% is based on a 12 month average term - calculated on the basis that the accumulated lodgements during the Contribution Period translates into an average holding period of half a year plus the 5 year period, commencing at the end of the Contribution Period, during which the accumulated sum earns interest.

Note:

- The product does not pay any interest during the contribution period. Thus, where repayment takes place within the contribution period i.e. year 1, no interest will be paid.
- The payments shown for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the 6 year term will only be paid if the savings are held in the product for the entire relevant 12 month period.
- Where withdrawals are made during the relevant 12 month period, the total return paid will be equal to the return applicable at the end of the previous 12 month period plus a return calculated at a rate of 0.05% per annum for each day since the completion of the previous 12 month period up to and including the day preceding withdrawal. The 0.05% per annum rate may be lower than the Instalment Savings average annual rate of interest and so the average annual rate of return may be lower if a withdrawal is made otherwise than on anniversary dates.

Worked Example of Early Withdrawal

A saver completes paying instalments during the 12 month Contribution Period and the total amount saved is €1,000. A further two years elapse and interest of 0.50% accrues. If, after a further three months (say 90 days) the saver wishes to withdraw all their funds, the interest rate applicable for the 3 month period would be 0.05% per annum. Therefore, the amount repayable to the saver would be:

Amount after Contribution Period:	€1,000.00
Accrued after Year 2:	€5.00 (€1,000 x 0.50% p.a.)
Interest Accrued after 90 days (year 3):	€0.12 (€1,000 x 0.05% p.a. x (90/365))
Total:	€1,005.12

New Savings Cycles (after completion of first 12 months Instalments)

Lodgements made after the end of the 12 month Contribution Period will be treated as a new instalments savings cycle. The return on each subsequent cycle will be determined by returns applying to State Savings products at the time the new cycle(s) commence. These may be lower or higher than the 5.5% return on the initial instalments savings cycle.