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Some fees such as Overdrawn fees are generally avoidable and there are ways you can help minimise the situations where you incur them.

The first step to avoiding these fees is to understand what they are and how they work. Information on these fees would have been provided to you when you opened your ANZ account and you can always find the latest information on [these and other fees and charges](#) on [www.anz.com](http://www.anz.com).

The fees that apply to ANZ products and ways to avoid incurring them will depend on your ANZ product.

### **ANZ Transaction accounts**

Some commonly avoidable fees that apply to ANZ Transaction accounts include:

- *Overdrawn fee (also referred to as Honour fee)* — if a payment or withdrawal would mean your account is overdrawn and you and the debit both satisfy ANZ's criteria for the Informal Overdraft Facility, ANZ will allow the payment to be processed using the Informal Overdraft Facility. An Overdrawn fee of \$6 applies for each ANZ Business Day the balance of your Informal Overdraft facility is more than \$50 (up to a total of ten ANZ Business Days and a maximum amount of \$60 per calendar month).
- The Informal Overdraft facility is a service provided by us to give customers a convenient way to meet unplanned, short-term borrowing needs\*
- *Dishonor and Periodical Payment Non-payment fees*—in some cases ANZ may be unable to make a payment from your account due to a lack of cleared funds, such as when a cheque, direct debit or periodical payment is processed. In these cases ANZ will decline the payment and charge a fee of \$6.

Recipients of Government benefits who hold an ANZ Access Basic account will not be charged an Overdrawn fee, Dishonour fee or Periodical Payments Non-payment fee on their account.

\*Specific terms and conditions apply in relation to overdrawing on some ANZ Products and is not available on all Products.

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These kinds of fees are avoidable, and one of the simplest ways to do this is for you to regularly check your account balance via ATMs, ANZ Internet, Phone and ANZ Mobile Phone Banking to ensure there are sufficient funds available to cover any transactions.

Other more specific ways to help you avoid these fees include:

- Use an ANZ Assured facility an ANZ Assured facility provides you with a \$500 or \$1000 overdraft limit that can be a feature of selected ANZ everyday accounts, it may help you avoid issues like declined transactions or bounced cheques. Call 1800 008 177 to apply. Applications for ANZ Assured are subject to ANZ's normal credit criteria.
- Allow time for cheque and ATM deposits to clear before you attempt to draw on these funds. We suggest you allow up to 7 business days
- Check when your periodical payments are due and reschedule them if necessary
- Check when your recurring transactions and direct debits are due and reschedule them if necessary
- Ask us to switch off the ability to overdraw your account where possible. This means that withdrawals made via ANZ Internet, Phone and Mobile Phone Banking, ATMs, Visa and EFTPOS will be declined, where possible, if your account is overdrawn or if the transaction would cause your account to overdraw.

**ANZ Everyday Visa Debit** (this product is no longer available to new customers)

Fees that apply to ANZ Everyday Visa Debit include:

- *Overdrawn Fees* - which are payable if a debit to your account would mean the account is overdrawn at any time during the statement period and ANZ has allowed the debit to be processed using the Informal Overdraft facility.

The Overdrawn Fee is \$6, payable for each ANZ business day when the balance of your Informal Overdraft facility is more than \$50 (up to a total of ten ANZ business days and a maximum amount of \$60 per statement month). Recipients of Government benefits who hold an ANZ Access Basic account will not incur the Overdrawn Fee.

This fee is avoidable, and one of the simplest ways to do this is for you to regularly check your account balance via ATMs, ANZ Internet, Phone and Mobile Phone Banking to ensure there are sufficient funds available to cover any transactions.

<sup>1</sup> ANZ's normal credit criteria apply to each application.

Any advice does not take into account your personal needs and financial circumstances and you should consider whether it is appropriate for you. ANZ recommends you read the Product Disclosure Statement and the Financial Services Guide before acquiring the product.

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- Ask us to switch off the ability to overdraw your account where possible. Withdrawals made via ANZ Internet, Phone and Mobile Phone Banking, ATMs, Visa and EFTPOS will be declined, where possible, if your account is overdrawn or if the transaction would cause your account to overdraw
- Check when your recurring transactions and direct debits are due and reschedule them if necessary