



## **Banking Information**

Trying to open a bank account in the UK can be tricky sometimes. We have discussed with banks the necessary criteria for our full time students to access a bank account.

In general you will require:

- Proof of identity – a passport is the best option
- Proof of address

The bank will need something that verifies your UK address. Usually they ask for a letter that arrives through the post confirming your address, for example utility bills. We understand that being new to the country might make this extremely difficult. We can issue you a letter confirming your address in the UK as well as your permanent address in your home country. We know that banks such as HSBC will accept these letters as proof of address.

### **Your best Option**

HSBC – the easiest way to apply for a bank account with them is online. They do have a student banking package. You just go to their website, apply online and bring in your documentation to the branch you wish to be a part of.

HSBC website: [www.hsbc.co.uk](http://www.hsbc.co.uk)

Other banks such as Lloyds TSB and Barclays may accept letters from CSL to help you open a cash account ONLY. This basically means that you can hold your money in the bank and access it through Cash point machines.

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