

BANK ON NATIONAL ACCOUNT STANDARDS (2023 – 2024)

TERMS

STANDARDS

Core Features	
Transaction Account at Insured Depository Institution	Checking account (including checkless checking) or prepaid account, directly offered by financial institution
Debit Card	Debit card network (e.g., Visa, Mastercard, Discover) for point of sale and bill payment; free
Minimum Opening Deposit	\$25 or less
Monthly Maintenance Fee	If not waivable: \$5 or less If waivable: \$10 or less; offer at least two options to waive fee entirely with a single transaction (e.g. direct deposit with no minimum deposit, online bill pay, or debit card purchase)
Overdraft of Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Fees or Payments	None
Account Activation, Closure, Dormancy, Inactivity, and Low Balance Fees	None
Customer Service	
Branch Access	For financial institutions with branches; free and unrestricted For financial institutions without branches: access to free ATM network and free remote deposits
Telephone Banking (Including Live Support)	Free and unrestricted
ATM Access	Free and unrestricted in network \$2.50 or less out-of-network fee; or up to \$3.00 if also provide free access to a partner ATM network
Functionality	
Deposit Capability	Free cash and checks in branch and at ATM (when available), and direct deposit
Bill Pay	Free by financial institution if available, otherwise at least four free money orders and/or cashier checks per month
Online Banking, Mobile Banking, Banking Alerts	Free (if offered)
Monthly Statements	Free electronic; \$2 or less for mailed paper (if offered)
Insured Account Deposits	Insured by FDIC, NCUSIF, or regulator-sanctioned equivalent
Strongly Recommended Features	
Account Screening (e.g. ChexSystems, Early Warning Services)	Only deny new customers for past incidences of actual fraud
Alternative IDs (Municipal, Consular, etc.)	Accept alternative IDs
Online Account Opening and Deposits	Free at financial institutions with branches
Linked Savings Accounts	Free savings accounts and account transfers
Funds Availability	Immediate availability for known customers cashing government, payroll, or checks from that financial institution
Money Orders	\$2.20 or less (based on U.S. Postal Service rate)
Remittances (International Wire)	Competitively priced by country (\$15.00 – \$30.00)
Credit-Building Product Offerings	Secured credit card or secured personal loan, e.g.