What is e-banking?

Electronic banking, or e-banking, is also called online banking. It means using a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone to do your banking.

Here are some things you can do with e-banking:

- Check your bank account activity and balance
- Pay your bills online
- Move money between your bank accounts
- Send money to other people through e-transfers

Getting ready for e-banking

If you want to register for e-banking, you’ll need to have some things ready. Every bank is different, so call your bank or visit your local bank branch to ask how to register for e-banking with them.

What you’ll need:

- A bank account with your bank
- Your bank account number
- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Someone at your bank will help you get registered—it only takes a few minutes!

Once you’re registered, you can use your computer, smartphone, or tablet for e-banking. Download your bank’s official app and sign in with your e-banking username and password.
Activity: Making a strong password

It’s important to create a strong password when you sign up for e-banking. A weak password is easy for someone else to guess, but a strong one isn’t. A strong password has a mix of:

- numbers (for example: 2, 67, 91)
- small letters (for example: c, g, k)
- capital letters (for example: F, Z, H)
- symbols (for example: !, $, #, ?)

Here are some examples of passwords. Do you think these passwords are strong or weak?

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Let’s talk about it

What makes you think that some of these passwords are strong or weak? What could happen if someone guesses your e-banking password?

E-banking security

Here are some more ways to keep your bank account safe online:

- Only use your bank’s official website and app for e-banking
- Don’t tell anyone your e-banking username or password
- If you can, avoid using public computers or public wifi connections to do your e-banking