

SUMMARY FOR DEBTORS

Summary for debtors under the SEPA Direct Debit Schemes

What is a SEPA Direct Debit?

1. The SEPA Core Direct Debit Scheme and SEPA Business To Business Direct Debit Scheme (together the “SEPA Direct Debit Schemes” or “Schemes”) provide a method for paying bills and making other payments, and are ideally suited for regular but variable payments such as subscriptions or utility bills cross-border payments within the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA). The Schemes apply to payments in euro even where your account is not denominated in euro within the Single Euro Payments Area (“SEPA”).
2. There are two SEPA Direct Debit Schemes:
 - the Core Scheme is primarily intended for consumers (including private individuals and micro-enterprises*)
 - the Business to Business (or “B2B”) Scheme is restricted to business customers which are non-consumers.

(If you are thinking of setting up a mandate under the SEPA Business To Business Direct Debit Scheme you should contact your relationship team.)
3. The payment is made by us to the person or company to whom the payment is due (called “the Creditor”). You authorise the Creditor to collect the payment from us by completing a Mandate Form supplied by the Creditor. You should complete all the fields on the Mandate Form.
4. You should return the completed Mandate Form to the Creditor (not us).

If you are making a SEPA Direct Debit under the Core Scheme you do not need to take any further steps – the Creditor will arrange for the payments to be collected from us.

If you wish to make payments under the SEPA Business to Business Direct Debit Scheme you must also complete a Notification Form – SEPA Direct Debit new B2B mandate and return it to Lloyds Bank SEPA Direct Debit helpdesk no later than 24 hours before the first collection is due. (You can request a Notification Form – SEPA Direct Debit new B2B mandate from your relationship team.)

5. The Creditor will inform you of the amount and due date of each payment to be made. If the payments are a series of fixed amounts, you may be informed once only, when the arrangement is established. In other cases, you will be informed at least 14 days before the payment is collected (unless otherwise agreed between you and the Creditor).
6. Debtors have different rights depending on which Scheme they join. The main differences between the Schemes are summarised overleaf.

Cancelling and amending Mandates

7. You may inform the Creditor (and in the case of the SEPA Business To Business Direct Debits, your relationship team) at any time that a Mandate is cancelled. Once the Creditor has been informed, it may no longer collect payments on the basis of the cancelled Mandate. You may instruct us to refuse any future direct debit demands which a Creditor has pre-notified you of.
8. You may amend a Mandate by informing the Creditor of the changes you wish to make (and in the case of the SEPA Business To Business Direct Debit, your relationship team).



Refunds under the SEPA Core Direct Debit Scheme

9. You may request us to refund a direct debit payment under the Core Scheme in the circumstances summarised below.
10. If you consider that the amount of the payment is wrong, or you wish to have a refund for any other reason, you must inform us no later than eight weeks after the payment was debited to your payment account. You must explain the reason for your refund request at the same time. We are obliged to give you a refund if you make a valid refund request within this eight week period.
11. You may request a refund more than eight weeks after the payment was debited to your payment account provided:
 - a. you did not authorise the payment and
 - b. you make your claim within 13 months of the debit date. If you wish to have a refund for this reason, you must inform us as soon as you become aware of the circumstances.

We may require you to provide evidence supporting your claim.

You should also be aware that we may not be legally obliged to give you a refund if there is a long delay between the payment being debited to your payment account and your request for a refund.

12. If you request a refund, any obligations you may have to pay the Creditor will not be satisfied. You will remain responsible for paying any amount which the Creditor is owed.

Major differences between the SEPA Core Direct Debit Scheme and the SEPA B2B Direct Debit Scheme

13. You are not eligible to participate as a Debtor under this Scheme if you are a consumer or a micro-enterprise*. The Scheme is designed for payments between businesses.

14. There is no refund right under the B2B Scheme, however, you may be entitled to a refund under the Payment Services Regulations 2009 if the payment was not authorised by you or the payment was incorrectly executed. You must make any claim for an unauthorised payment within the time limit specified in our terms and conditions.
15. Because there is no refund right under the B2B Scheme and the potential large amounts involved, we are required to check that each payment collection corresponds with information provided by you about the relevant Mandate.
16. Direct debit transactions can be effected more quickly under the B2B Scheme.

If you want to participate in the Business To Business Scheme please speak to your business management team.

Account controls under the SEPA Direct Debit Core Scheme

17. As a Debtor under the SEPA Direct Debit Core Scheme, you have the right:
 - a. to limit the amount collected from your account;
 - b. as to how often you want your SEPA direct debit collected from your account;
 - c. to block the collection of all SEPA direct debits from your account until you agree to have the block removed;
 - d. to block the collection of SEPA direct debit payments by particular businesses or organisations until you agree to have the block removed, or to allow SEPA direct debit payments to be collected only from particular businesses or organisations until you instruct us otherwise.

*Micro Enterprise : An enterprise which employs fewer than 10 persons and its annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet total does not exceed 2 million euro.

Our service promise

If you experience a problem, we will always try to resolve it as quickly as possible. Please bring it to the attention of any member of staff. Our complaints procedures are published at lloydsbank.com/business

Please contact us if you would like this information in an alternative format such as Braille, large print or audio.

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