Interest rates we pay on cash



Here are the interest rates we currently pay on cash you hold in AJ Bell accounts.

We usually change our rates from time to time. These rates have applied since 1 September 2023.

Cash held in a SIPP or Junior SIPP		
Cash balance	Gross interest rate for this tier only	Interest rate (AER) for this tier only
£0-£10,000	3.20%	3.24%
Above £10,000	3.70%	3.75%

Cash held in a Stocks and shares ISA, Lifetime ISA, Junior ISA or Dealing account		
Cash balance	Gross interest rate for this tier only	Interest rate (AER) for this tier only
£0-£10,000	1.95%	1.96%
Above £10,000	2.45%	2.47%

What is gross interest, and AER?

Gross interest is interest paid in full – that is, without any tax being deducted on your behalf.

AER stands for Annual Equivalent Rate. It tells you how much interest you'd earn in one year, taking into account compounding interest payments. This makes it easier to compare interest rates across different accounts.

When do you pay interest?

We pay our interest quarterly – at the end of March, June, September and December, in arrears. Once we've paid your interest, you'll see a gross interest payment appear on your cash statement.

Interest you earn in ISAs and SIPPs is free from UK income tax. Interest you earn in Dealing accounts is paid gross, without any tax deducted – that means you're responsible for paying HMRC any tax due on interest that exceeds your <u>Personal Savings Allowance</u>. Remember, how you're taxed will depend on your circumstances and tax rules can change.

If you don't want to receive interest payments for any reason, please email help@ajbell.co.uk to let us know.

How do the tiers work?

Each tiered interest rate applies to the cash in that specific tier. Let's say you had £25,000 cash in an AJ Bell account. £10,000 of this money would earn the '£0-£10,000' interest rate, while the remaining £15,000 would earn the 'Above £10,000' interest rate.

If you hold cash in more than one AJ Bell account (e.g. a SIPP and a Dealing account), we'll consider your accounts separately when we calculate the tiered interest.

More about our interest rates

AJ Bell receives interest payments from banks based on the combined cash balances held across all accounts. The amount we receive will vary depending on the total cash balances held, and on market interest rates.

In the future, we expect to receive between 1.15% below and 0.15% above the Bank of England base rate for cash held in a SIPP, and between 0.10% below and 0.15% above the Bank of England base rate for cash held in an ISA or Dealing account: though this may be higher or lower when interest rates are volatile. We put some of these payments towards the interest we pay customers, and the rest towards keeping our administration, custody and dealing charges as low as possible.

Want to see what interest we paid in the past? See our list of our previous interest rates.