CHECKLIST

Opening a basic bank account: your checklist

- [ ] Gather proof of identity and proof of address
- [ ] Choose a bank or building society that offers a basic account
- [ ] Complete the application form online or in a branch
- [ ] Wait for the bank to verify your documents and open the account
- [ ] Activate your debit card and set your PIN when it arrives
- [ ] Give your new account details to your employer or benefits office
- [ ] Set up direct debits for essential bills
- [ ] Write down your account number and sort code and keep them safe