

# Want to pay less interest on your home loan?

Everyday Offset account guide

This guide will help you understand more about Everyday Offset account and how it works.

### Key considerations for an Everyday Offset account

An Everyday Offset account is a transaction account that's linked to your eligible variable rate home loan or Investment home loan. Any money you put into your Everyday Offset account (e.g. your salary and savings) – whether its \$2 or \$20,000 – reduces the balance on which we charge interest. This means you'll only be paying interest on the difference.



#### **Eligibility**

- · Available to personal customers with an eligible variable rate home loan or Investment home loan.
- Everyday Offset account must be in the same name(s) as the borrowers on the linked eligible home loan. You can open or switch an existing eligible transaction CommBank account in your name or jointly with your co-borrower(s). You can only link one Everyday Offset account to one home loan at a time.



#### **Benefits**

- An Everyday Offset account can help you pay less interest and reduce the time it takes to pay off your home loan.
- For Standard Variable Rate home loans, you can link multiple Everyday Offset accounts (these can be individual
  and/or joint names) to your eligible home loan. This gives you the flexibility to manage your money your way.
   For example, you and your partner can both have separate Everyday Offset accounts and the balances in each will
  still contribute to offsetting the balance of your joint home loan.
- For Digi Home Loans, you can link one (but no more than one) Everyday Offset account to an eligible loan. A \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee applies.
- You can access your money using your Debit Mastercard, in branch or online in NetBank or the CommBank app.



#### **Timeframes**

- · Your Everyday Offset account can take up to 5 business days to be linked.
- You do not earn interest on the balance in your Everyday Offset account, even if it exceeds the balance of the home loan.
- Existing eligible CommBank accounts can be switched to an Everyday Offset account. This means you keep the same account number so there is no need to change any of your existing arrangements. The following accounts can be switched to an Everyday Offset account:

Complete Access		Smart Access		Streamline Basic	
Viridian Line of Credit	NetBank Saver		GoalSaver		AwardSaver
Cash Investment Account		Cash Management Call Account		Private Bank Account	



#### **Financial**

- Every cent in an Everyday Offset account will offset the balance of the home loan, saving you interest.
- For Digi Home Loans, a \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee applies.

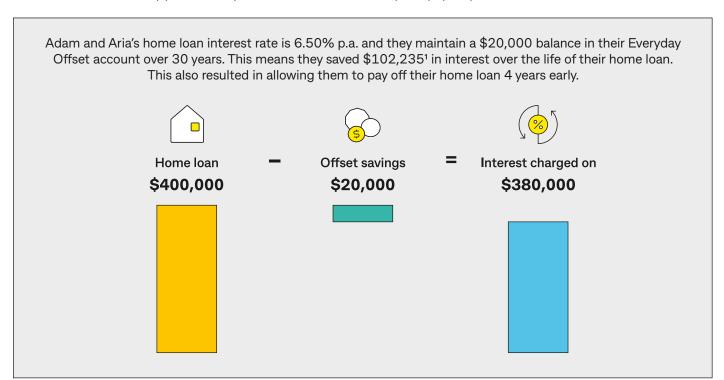
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Here's an example to help explain the Everyday Offset account.

# Meet Adam and Aria Adam and Aria have a \$400,000 Standard Variable Rate Home Loan and currently have \$20,000 in their linked Everyday Offset account. This means that they only pay interest on the difference; \$380,000 instead of \$400,000.

Interest on a home loan is calculated based on its closing balance each day. Every cent of the closing balance in your Everyday Offset account is used to reduce or 'offset' the balance owing on your linked home loan when calculating interest. The more money you have in your offset the less interest you'll pay on your home loan.





TIP: Not everyone has large sums of money sitting in their account. By simply depositing your salary into your Everyday Offset account, you could pay less interest and potentially pay off your home loan sooner.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This example is for illustrative purposes only. It assumes Adam and Aria don't have a Wealth Package and make monthly Principal and Interest repayments. It also assumes their interest rate remains unchanged over the life of the loan, and only an initial \$600 loan establishment fee and monthly \$8 fees are charged. No additional repayments or redraws are made.

# **Common questions**

How do I set up an Everyday Offset Account?	<ol> <li>If you don't already have an existing eligible transaction account, you'll need to open an Everyday Account Smart Access first:         <ol> <li>Log on to NetBank</li> <li>Click on 'Accounts' tab and follow instructions to open an 'Everyday Account Smart Access'</li> <li>Switch your transaction account to an Everyday Offset using the instructions below</li> <li>How to switch an eligible transaction account to an Everyday Offset account online:                  <ol></ol></li></ol></li></ol>	
What's the difference between an Everyday Offset account and a savings account?	While a savings account will earn you interest on the money you have in the account, an Everyday Offset account saves you money on your linked home loan by offsetting its owing balance.  You do not earn interest on the balance in your Everyday Offset account even if the balance exceeds the balance of the home loan.	
What's the difference between an Everyday Offset account and a redraw facility?	An Everyday Offset account can be linked to your home loan, whereas redraw is a feature of your eligible variable rate home loan. Both can help:  Reduce the amount of interest you pay on your home loan  Pay off your home loan sooner  Redraw allows you to withdraw the amount that you're ahead on your loan. For weekly and fortnightly direct debit payers, the available redraw balance will not include repayments made towards your next monthly minimum repayment. You can't set up direct debits or pay bills directly from your redraw. The money must be transferred to an everyday transaction account before you can use it. The money in your redraw account may reduce over the life of your loan so that by the end of your agreed loan term, both your loan balance and the available redraw will be zero. If you're using a redraw facility to deposit money that you plan on using later, an Everyday Offset account may better suit your needs.  For more information on Redraw go to commbank.com.au/home-loan-redraw	
How much will I be charged for linking an Everyday Offset account to my Digi Home Loan?	A \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee applies to each home loan account where an Everyday Offset account is or has been linked on any day during the repayment period.	
If I have multiple Digi Home Loans, each with a linked Everyday Offset account, do I pay multiple Offset Feature fees?	Yes, a \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee applies to each home loan account in exchange for the option to link a single offset account.	
What happens when I link a different Everyday Offset account to my Digi Home Loan?	If you link and unlink different Everyday Offset accounts to one Digi Home Loan during the repayment period, you will only be charged one \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee for that home loan account.  However, if you unlink and link an Everyday Offset account between eligible loans during the repayment period, you will be charged a \$10 monthly Offset Feature fee for each home loan account.	
Will a linked Everyday Offset account affect the minimum required amount I need to repay on my home loan?	No, the minimum required amount is not affected by a linked Everyday Offset account. However, by calculating interest on a reduced loan balance, a larger portion of your repayments will go towards paying off the principal. This means you save money on interest and repay your home loan faster.	

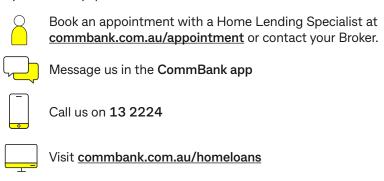
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What happens to my Everyday Offset account if I switch my eligible linked home loan to a non-eligible home loan?	Your Everyday Offset account will be unlinked and no longer offset your home loan. The Everyday Offset account will automatically revert to a Smart Access account. Call us on <b>13 2224</b> if you wish to link the Everyday Offset account to another eligible home loan or discuss other account options.
What happens to my Everyday Offset account if I switch between eligible variable rate home loans?	If you switch to another eligible variable rate home loan, your Everyday Offset account will be linked to the new home loan account. Depending on your loan type, an Offset Feature fee may apply. Refer to the <u>'Fees we charge for consumer mortgage lending products'</u> for the fee details.
	Log on to Netbank if you wish to link your Everyday Offset account to another eligible home loan.
What happens if I have a larger balance in my Everyday Offset account than my current home loan owing balance?	If the balance of your Everyday Offset account is larger than what you owe on your home loan then we only offset the interest on the amount up to the loan balance. You do not earn any interest on any money held in the Everyday Offset account even if the balance exceeds the outstanding home loan balance.

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## We're here to help.

If you have any questions or want more information:





Things you should know: An Everyday Offset account is linked to an eligible home loan, and account holder(s) must also be account holders of the linked home loan. Interest is not charged on the part of the Home Loan balance equal to the Transaction account. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts mentioned and our Financial Services Guide are available online or from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank's dispute resolution service can be accessed on 13 2221. This guide doesn't consider your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Before basing any decisions on this information please:
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