

Chapter 29 Checking Accounts

Section 29.1 The Basics of Checking Accounts

Section Summary with Key Terms and Academic Vocabulary

The Basics of Checking Accounts Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions provide checking account services for individuals and businesses. Customers can write checks to transfer money easily to others. Banks offer a selection of checking accounts to meet their customers' needs. Some accounts are designed for those who need to write only a few checks. Others are designed for those who need more extensive banking services. Many banks offer their checking account customers additional services, such as overdraft protection, stop-payment services, debit cards, and online banking.

Key Terms _____

check Written order directing a bank to pay money on demand to the person or company named on it

direct deposit The electronic transfer of a payment directly from the payer's bank account to the account of the person being paid

interest-bearing account An account that pays earns interest on the balance for the depositor

signature card A record of a bank customer's signature used by the bank to verify the customer's identity

overdrawn Having written checks for more money than the balance in the account

overdraft protection A line of credit for overdrawn checks

stop payment An order for a bank not to cash a particular check

debit card Bank card that immediately takes money from a checking account when it is used

Academic Vocabulary _____

demand An urgent request

common Shared by two or more parties

compare To examine and note the similarities or differences of

design To devise for a specific function or end