

# Cash Management Services in Norway



Danske Bank opened its first representative office in Norway in 1995. Two years later the office was upgraded to a branch that is fully integrated with the Norwegian clearing systems and provides a full range of wholesale services.

In 1999, Danske Bank acquired Fokus Bank. Thanks to Fokus Bank's extensive distribution network throughout the country, Danske Bank was able to strengthen its profile in the retail and mid-market segments.

Today, Danske Bank's profile in Norway is Fokus Bank with 51 branches and finance centres though out the country.

Fokus Bank provides pan-Nordic cash management services based on a central IT platform in Copenhagen.

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| Currency:     | NOK         |
| Time zone:    | GMT + 1     |
| Central bank: | Norges Bank |
| SWIFT BIC     | DABANO22    |

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| Danske Bank ratings: | Moody's | S&P |
| Short-term:          | P-1     | A-1 |
| Long-term:           | Aa3     | A   |

## Clearing and local market conditions

### Foreign exchange regulations

None in force; distinction between residents and non-residents for reporting purposes.

### Clearings systems

NBO (Norges Bank's Settlement System): RTGS system of the central bank; payments over NOK 25m are automatically routed to NBO.

NICS (Norwegian Interbank Clearing System): This system settles retail S.W.I.F.T. payments on a multilateral net basis, and forwards large-value S.W.I.F.T. payments (over NOK 25m) directly to NBO for gross settlement. NBO and NICS are operated by BBS (Bankenes Betalingsentral) on behalf of the central bank and are often referred to as the BS clearing systems.

### Clearing formats

- NIBE (Interbank Standard) based on EDIFACT messages - FINPAY (Financial Payment).
- EDIFACT message standards are increasingly used between banks and large enterprises.
- Telepay, a national sector format.

### Payment instruments

- Payment orders (electronic and paper-based): Continue to be the most frequently used payment instruments for domestic payments apart from cash. Almost all commercial payments are effected as electronic transfers through the BBS clearing system.
- Cheques: Rarely used due to high charges; the issuing bank guarantees payment of amounts under NOK 2,500. For larger amounts, the drawee bank must be contacted before the cheque is accepted.
- Direct debits: Two different schemes for B2C (AvtaleGiro) and B2B (AutoGiro) transactions, both run by the BBS. For further information, visit [www.bbs.no](http://www.bbs.no).
- e-Invoice/EBPP (B2C): Electronic billing and payment solutions are offered through BBS and other subcontractors integrated with the bank's Web-based electronic banking solution.

### Cards

Debit cards linked to the holder's bank account are frequently used. Credit cards are accepted and use is increasing. Card payments account for almost 60% of all non-cash payment transactions.

### BankID

Is the industry-backed solution for electronic signatures based on PKI, Public Key Infrastructure, technology. Bank ID supports digital certificates and electronic signatures on the Internet through a common infrastructure.

### Local foreign currency payments

No restrictions, settlement abroad.

### Foreign payments

No restrictions. All payments between residents and non-residents and foreign currency payments between residents require reporting to Valutaregistreret, which is a part of the Norwegian Customs and Tax Directorate. The duty to report always lies with the resident.

### Taxation

The standard value added tax rate is 25%. Corporate income is subject to 28% taxation. For residents, a withholding tax of 28% is payable on interest earned; interest income earned by non-residents is not subject to taxation. For further details, please consult a local tax advisor or auditor.

## Cash Management Products and services of Danske Bank

### Accounts

Resident and non-resident accounts in local and foreign currency. Account opening forms in Norwegian and English.

### Domestic payments

The Bank is fully integrated into the Norwegian clearing systems and has direct access.

### Foreign payments

No restrictions.

### Liquidity management

- Real-time zero balancing services domestically, in the Nordic countries, Germany and the United Kingdom. International cash sweeping is subject to restrictions concerning the status of the beneficial owner.
- Domestic zero balancing (per transaction) cash pools in all major currencies. Resident and non-resident accounts may be included, but this entails local central bank reporting.
- International multi-currency interest netting system (interest enhancement) in all major currencies across Danske Bank's Nordic branch network and in Germany and the United Kingdom.
- A notional multi-currency cash pool system is available for accounts in the bank in Norway.

### Electronic Banking

- Business Online is Danske Bank's online business system, which provides rapid access to setting up payments, viewing account information and authorising several payments at the same time. All information in Business Online is updated constantly, so you always have an up-to-date picture of your company's cash position.
- Business PC is PC/Windows-based and enables you to initiate domestic and foreign payment orders and retrieve real-time account information for accounts with Danske Bank.

With Business Online or Business PC you can make local payments in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, the United Kingdom and Germany and view real-time account information.

### Cash handling

Use of Drop-Safe at Fokus Bank branches, or subcontractors for pick up service and cash handling (counting etc.).

### Links to other banks

Reporting via MT940 and MT942 statements, if required. Danske Bank can also report via EDIFACT (DEBMUL, CREMUL or FINSTA).

### Further information

If you require more information about Cash Management in Norway, please visit our website [www.danskebank.com/corporate](http://www.danskebank.com/corporate).