

# Overdraft Frequently Asked Questions

## WHEN DOES AN OVERDRAFT OCCUR?

An overdraft occurs when you do not have enough money in your account to cover a check but we pay it anyway. We can cover your overdrafts in two different ways:

1. We have standard overdraft practices that come with your account.
2. We also offer an overdraft protection plan – a link to another Washington Financial Bank deposit account – which may be less costly than our standard overdraft practices.

## WHAT ARE THE STANDARD OVERDRAFT PRACTICES THAT COME WITH MY ACCOUNT?

At Washington Financial, we do authorize and pay overdrafts for checks and other transactions made using your checking account number and for automatic bill payments. The authorization process is completed using an automated decisioning system. However, you may choose to have your checks returned unpaid by completing an “opt-out” agreement available at any branch office.

We pay overdrafts at our discretion, which means we do not guarantee that we will always authorize and pay any type of transaction. If we do not authorize and pay an overdraft, your check will be returned and you will be charged the Returned Item fee in effect at the time.

## WHAT FEES WILL I BE CHARGED IF WASHINGTON FINANCIAL PAYS MY OVERDRAFT?

*Under our standard overdraft practices:*

We will charge you a fee of \$32 each time we pay an overdraft. However, we will charge for no more than three overdrafts on any given day. Also, if your account is overdrawn for more than five consecutive business days, we will charge an additional \$6.00 per day.

## WHAT IS OVERDRAFT COVERAGE?

Washington Financial’s overdraft coverage allows you to link your checking account to another Washington Financial checking, statement savings or money market account. When you establish this link, funds will be automatically transferred to “cover” negative balances in your checking account and you will not pay the NSF fee.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ENROLL IN OVERDRAFT COVERAGE?

There is no charge unless you use the coverage.

## HOW MUCH DOES OVERDRAFT COVERAGE COST WHEN IT IS USED?

The current fee for overdraft coverage is \$5 per day regardless of the number of items paid. For example, if sufficient funds are available in your linked account and they are transferred to cover four overdrafts in your checking account in one business day, the checks will be paid and your account will be charged \$5 for the day.

