

# **BANKWISE**

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# TRUTH IN SAVINGS ACT (REGULATION DD)

The **Truth in Savings Act (TISA)** helps consumers make informed decisions about bank accounts.

This law requires banks to provide clear, accurate disclosures about the terms and costs of consumer deposit accounts, and applies to savings, checking, certificate of deposit (CD), and money market accounts.

Regulation DD outlines the requirements under this law.

#### **KEY PROTECTIONS**



### Annual Percentage Yield (APY) Disclosure

Banks must provide the APY for consumer deposit accounts to help consumers understand the amount of money, or interest, they can earn on deposits over one year.



#### **Transparency**

Banks must provide account disclosures, which include information about interest rates, minimum balance requirements, and fee schedules.



#### **Interest Rate Disclosure**

Banks must disclose the interest rate and provide additional information, such as whether the interest rate changes, how it is determined, the frequency of changes, and the conditions for earning interest.

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Financial institutions are required to comply with TISA and its implementing regulation. In addition to the protections listed under the KEY PROTECTIONS section:

#### **BANKS MUST:**

 disclose information related to the terms and conditions of deposit accounts before an account is opened or a service is provided, when a consumer requests a disclosure, when there are certain changes to the account terms, and when or if the account, such as a CD, matures.

#### **BANKS MAY NOT:**

- mislead consumers about the terms, fees, or interest rates of deposit accounts in advertisements.
- hide fees or terms that are required to be disclosed under Regulation DD.
- delay the accrual of interest, subject to regulatory requirements.

#### **BANKS MAY (optional)**

- offer promotional APYs for a limited time to attract new customers; however, banks must clearly disclose when a promotional rate ends.
- provide additional tools like savings calculators or account comparison tools to help consumers better understand their options.
- waive fees, such as monthly maintenance fees, under specific conditions like maintaining a minimum balance.

#### **RESOURCES**



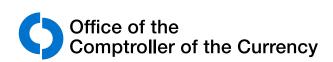
**Read:** Learn more about <u>TISA</u>.



**Get assistance:** The OCC's HelpWithMyBank.gov has answers to questions on a range of banking topics, including savings accounts, and information on how customers may file a complaint against an OCC-supervised institution.



**Find who regulates your financial institution:** Visit HelpWithMyBank.gov to contact your bank's regulator for assistance. The National Credit Union Administration regulates most credit unions.



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