# **Important Security Information**

# for all cardholders and customers registered for digital banking.

Please read this information and ensure it's also read by any authorised user of your account(s).

# It pays to stay alert!

Financial fraud is big business and takes many forms – from mail and credit card abuse to identity theft and online scams. We ask you to be alert and follow these security guidelines to protect the balance of your accounts when you use your cards or digital banking.

# Keep your money safe and secure

Take care to protect the security of your:

- Card(s);
- Devices;
- Personal Identification Number (PIN); and
- Access codes, i.e. your customer ID, passcode and password(s).

#### How to maintain card security

- 1. Sign your card as soon as you receive it.
- 2. Don't allow anyone else to use your card.
- 3. Don't write your PIN on your card or any article you normally carry with your card.
- 4. Ensure your card is not left unattended in public places.
- 5. Ensure you destroy your card and cut through the magnetic stripe and security microchip when it expires.
- 6. Always keep your card in a secure location.
- 7. Check regularly that you have your card.

## Protect your PIN and access codes

- 1. Use care at ATMs or eftpos terminals to prevent others seeing the PIN you enter. If you believe an ATM has been tampered with, do not use it. Advise the nearest Newcastle Permanent branch or call us on 13 19 87.
- 2. Don't disclose your PIN or access codes to anyone, including family, friends, merchants (face-to-face or online) and Newcastle Permanent staff.
- 3. Memorise your PINs and access codes and destroy letters that advise you of new ones.
- 4. Do not store your PIN or access codes (or your disguised codes) on your card, device or any article normally carried with your card or device.
- 5. Take care to prevent anyone seeing or hearing your access codes being entered into a phone, computer or device.
- 6. Do not allow any persons visibility to your computer, phone or any other devices remotely where you are required to disclose your PIN, access code or password (this includes one time passwords).

Each cardholder is able to select their own PIN via Internet Banking or the mobile app, or can request us to issue a PIN. They are required to protect their card and store their PIN and access code with as much care as you are required to protect and store yours.

## You can create your own PIN or access code

For your convenience and security you can select your own PIN and access code. When you choose your own, don't use your birthday, name or other obvious combinations such as your phone number, car registration or postcode.

If you don't take reasonable steps to disguise your PIN and access code and stop others from being able to access them, you may be liable for any unauthorised transactions.

# When to notify us

It's important that you make every effort to ensure your card; any record of your PIN; and/or any record of your access codes are not misused, lost or stolen. You or any authorised user must notify us as soon as possible if:

- A card is lost or stolen;
- Your access codes are lost or stolen;
- You suspect a PIN or access code has become known to someone else; or
- You suspect any unauthorised use of a card, PIN or account.

If you don't notify us, or if there is an unreasonable delay in notifying us, you may be liable for any loss incurred as a result of unauthorised access or transactions.

If you or an authorised user fail to adhere to the security requirements outlined in our Account Access Terms and Conditions, you may be liable for losses resulting from any unauthorised transactions.

Your liability for such losses will be determined in accordance with the ePayments Code we subscribe to.

## We're here for you

Simply call 13 19 87

- For a copy of Terms and Conditions or our security advice; or
- To notify us of unauthorised transactions; or
- For any account security issues.

