

Does Your Bank Make Saving Easier?

Your bank or credit union can do more than hold your money. Use this quick checklist to see whether you're taking advantage of tools that can help you save, manage your money, and avoid unnecessary fees.

Automatic Savings

- ☐ Automatic transfers
- ☐ Split direct deposit
- ☐ Round-ups
- ☐ Savings buckets

TIP: Start with an amount you know you can manage and adjust it if your situation changes.

Money Management

- ☐ Balance alerts
- ☐ Search transactions
- ☐ Spending tools
- ☐ See recurring charges

TIP: Account alerts can help you keep an eye on spending and avoid costly surprises.

Lowering Banking Costs

- ☐ Little/no monthly fees
- ☐ Fee-free ATMs
- ☐ Know overdraft fees
- ☐ Aware of account requirements

TIP: Paying fees? Ask about lower-fee account options, or explore the Veteran Benefits Banking Program.

Questions to Ask Your Bank or Credit Union

- Are there limits or fees for transferring money to savings?
- Can I automate transfers around payday?
- Do you offer round-up savings?
- What account alerts can I set?
- Are there lower- or no-fee account options?
- What tools can help me manage my spending and savings?

Your Next Step

Choose one banking feature you'd like to learn more about or start using this week. Continue building your savings with Veteran Saves tools and resources. If you haven't already, take the **Veteran Saves Pledge** to choose your savings goal and receive ongoing tips and support.