

Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union

Funds Availability Policy

Effective January 1, 2022

Purpose

When a member deposits funds into their accounts, whether it's at a branch, ATM, ITM or via electronic deposit, they naturally want to know when the money will be available for use. It is important to understand that Federal regulations allow the Credit Union to put a hold on deposited funds for a set period of time, meaning the member cannot use that money until the hold is released.

Ability to Withdraw Funds

Our policy is to make funds from a member's cash, electronic direct deposits and certain checks available on the same business day the Credit Union receives the deposit. If we place a hold on a check, you may not withdraw or spend the funds nor we will use the funds to pay Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions, debit card purchases, or checks you have written.

Please remember if you have deposited a check and it is returned by the issuing financial institution, you are responsible for any funds you have spent and for the fees charged for the returned check item. Please refer to our Fee Schedule for the amount you will be charged for the returned item.

Availability of a Deposit

The length of the delay is counted in business days (defined as Monday through Friday with the exception of federal bank holidays) from the day of your deposit. If you make a deposit before closing on a business day we are open, we will consider that day to be the day of your deposit. However, if you make a deposit after closing or on a day we are not open, we will consider the deposit was made on the next business day we are open. The length of the delay varies depending on the type of deposit which will be explained to you at the time of your deposit.

Same Day Availability

Funds from electronic Automated Clearing House (ACH) direct deposits, cash, wire transfers and the first \$225 of a check deposit to your Account will be available on the day we receive the deposit. This does not apply to mobile check deposits you initiate. Please see information at the end of this policy for Mobile Remote Deposit Services.

Check Holds

- **Federal, State and Local Government Checks**

Funds will be available the day we physically receive the deposit made in person to one of our employees, through use of the Interactive Teller Machines (ITMs), dropped in

the overnight depository or sent through the postal service if the checks are payable to you and if there isn't any reasonable doubt of collectability. Deposits made in the overnight depositories are collected periodically throughout the business day during business hours.

- **Checks drawn on Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union** — Funds will be available the day we physically receive the deposit made in person to one of our employees, through use of the ITMs, dropped in the overnight depository or sent through the postal service if the checks are payable to you and the ATFCU member's account has sufficient funds available. Deposits made in the overnight depositories are collected periodically throughout the business day during business hours.
- **Cashiers, Certified & Traveler's Checks, U.S. Postal Money Orders** – Funds will be available the day we physically receive the deposit made in person to one of our employees, through use of the ITMs, dropped in the overnight depository or sent through the postal service if the checks are payable to you and if there isn't any reasonable doubt of collectability. Deposits made in the overnight depositories are collected periodically throughout the business day during business hours.
- **Personal & All Other Checks** - Funds will be available the day we physically receive the deposit made in person to one of our employees, through use of the ITMs, dropped in the overnight depository or sent through the postal service if the checks are payable to you and if there isn't any reasonable doubt of collectability. Deposits made in the overnight depositories are collected periodically throughout the business day during business hours. If we determine a hold is necessary, the following schedule applies:
 - The first \$225 of the deposit will be available on the day of receipt of your deposit.
 - The next \$5,300 of the deposit will be available on the second business day after the date or receipt of your deposit.
 - The excess over \$5,525 will be available on the seventh business day after the date or receipt of your deposit.

Longer Delays May Apply

Funds you deposit by check may be delayed for a longer period under the following circumstances:

- We believe a check you deposit will not be paid.
- You deposit checks totaling more than \$5,525 on any one day.
- You redeposit a check that has been returned unpaid.
- You have multiple check deposits returned by an issuing financial institution.
- There is an emergency, such as a failure of computer or communications equipment.

We will notify you if we delay your ability to withdraw funds for any of these reasons, and we will tell you when the funds will be available. They will generally be available no later than the ninth business day after the date of your deposit.

Special Rules for New Accounts

If you are a new member, the following special rules will apply during the first 30 days your account is open. This does not apply to checks deposited using Mobile Remote Deposit Services. Please see information at the end of this policy for Mobile Remote Deposit Services.

Funds from electronic Automated Clearing House (ACH) direct deposits, cash, wire transfers, and the first \$225 of a check deposit to your Account will be available on the day we receive it.

For any deposit of cashier's, certified, teller, traveler's, checks cut off of ATFCU, federal, state, and local government checks we will release \$225 immediately and \$5,300 on the second business day after the date of receipt of your deposit if the deposit meets certain conditions. For example, the checks must be made payable to you, there isn't any reasonable doubt of collectability, and the ATFCU member's account has sufficient funds available. The excess over \$5,525 will be available on the ninth business day after the day of your deposit.

Funds from all other check deposits will generally be available on the ninth business day after the day of your deposit. We reserve the right to place a longer hold, not to exceed 30 days, on all personal checks deposited into new Accounts.

Mobile Remote Deposit Services

The Credit Union has implemented mobile remote deposit services on our mobile app as a benefit to our qualifying members. Once approved, members who elect to use mobile remote deposit services will be able to scan checks using their mobile devices and electronically send the images to the Credit Union for deposit.

For purposes of funds availability, mobile deposits are considered deposited at a branch of Abilene Teachers FCU. Mobile check deposits confirmed as received before 5:00 p.m. Central Time on a business day will be credited to your account on the same day. Mobile check deposits confirmed as received after 5:00 p.m. Central Time on a business day will be credited to your account the following business day.

Checks deposited using the mobile check deposit service are subject to the same hold requirements detailed earlier in this policy. Please refer to the Mobile Remote Deposit Services Agreement for further details.