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Top UK Banks:

There are a lot of big and small banks in the UK offering different products and services. Here are some of the most popular choices, but their products change often therefore is advisable to check directly with them.

Lloyds:

London Expat Service: Depending on your circumstances, you may be able to open an International Current Account in Sterling before you arrive, so that you can access your salary immediately and pay UK bills. Eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and monthly fees will apply.

If you are moving to London, plan ahead by booking an appointment with the London Expat Service, provided by Lloyds Bank Plc. A dedicated Expat Business Manager will help coordinate your UK and international banking at one of our central London locations.

HSBC:

If you are an existing HSBC customer, you can use the International Banking Centre in your home country to open a UK bank account before you move. You'll get your bank cards and PIN numbers sent to you before you leave, as long as there is enough time and, if there's not, they can arrange for you to pick these up at your new local branch when you arrive.

HSBC Expat allows you to link all your banking arrangements, giving you easy international access to your finances and a central home for your money.

Barclays

International Bank Account

- Easy to exchange money or transfer it worldwide
- An offshore jurisdiction, which could offer tax-efficiencies
- Hold accounts in multiple currencies.

Be sure to speak to the bank or a tax consultant to understand your options as some international accounts have tax implications.