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Value-dating



Insight into payment details

There is a period of time between the initiation of a payment (by mail or electronically) and the time the beneficiary receives the transferred funds on his account. This brochure explains ABN AMRO's settlement period and procedures (please note that other banks may apply differing procedures). The brochure also explains how ABN AMRO calculates interest on incoming and outgoing payments, and how this is linked to value-dating.

What is value-dating?

Value-dating is the method used to determine on what day a credited or debited amount is included in the computation of interest. The value-dating rules for fund transfers differ from those applied to e.g. debit card payments in shops or cash dispenser withdrawals.

The difference between book date and value date

With transfers a distinction is made between the book date and the value date. The book date is the date on which your account balance is debited or credited. The value date is the date that ABN AMRO applies for interest computation purposes. For instance: an amount credited to your account on Tuesday (the book date) is interest bearing from Wednesday (the value date). An overview of the calculated interest on the basis of the day-to-day value balances is available at your ABN AMRO branch.

The settlement date

When the ordering customer's bank is different from the beneficiary's bank, the transferred funds are settled via Interpay (the clearing institution for banks in the Netherlands) and DNB (Dutch Central Bank). This process is called settlement. For fund transfers, ABN AMRO will use the settlement date as the basis for its value-dating.

ABN AMRO applies the following standard rule: the value date of a debit entry is the settlement day minus 1 day and the value date of a credit entry is the settlement day plus 1 day. However there are certain exceptions to this standard rule. A complete overview is given at the last pages of this brochure.

Transfers during Weekends

Domestic transfers delivered during the weekend are processed differently. ABN AMRO does not make entries on Saturday or Sunday and cannot present domestic fund transfers for settlement on these days. ABN AMRO enters the payments and presents them to Interpay on Monday. Sunday is not an interest-bearing day. Saturday will be the value date for payments settled on Monday.

Debit value balance

It is possible that you may be charged interest even though your bank statements only show credit balances. This could occur when a number of credit and debit entries have taken place in a short period of time. If the value dates of the debit entries occurred before the value dates of the credit entries, your account may have been temporarily overdrawn for interest computation purposes. In that case, you will be charged interest for the number of days that your account showed a debit value balance.

Transfer between two of your own ABN AMRO accounts

In case of transfers between two ABN AMRO accounts with the same holder's name no value-dating will take place. The same applies to intercompany transfers for business customers.

Example 1

On Tuesday morning, the bank receives your electronically transmitted domestic payment order. Your bank debits the amount from your account on Tuesday (book date for ordering customer). On this day (the settlement date) your bank also delivers the transfer amount to Interpay for settlement with DNB. You receive interest on the transfer amount up to and including Monday (value date for initiator). On Tuesday the amount is made available to the beneficiary's bank. This bank immediately credits the amount to the beneficiary's account on the same day (the beneficiary's book date). The beneficiary then earns interest on the amount beginning Wednesday (the beneficiary's value date).

Example 2

On Saturday morning, the bank receives your electronically transmitted domestic payment order. The first day that the banks can present this domestic payment to Interpay for settlement at DNB is Monday (settlement date). ABN AMRO also debits the amount from your account on that day (book date for initiator). As Sunday is not a value bearing day, you will receive interest on the transfer amount up to and including Saturday (value date for initiator). On Monday the money is made available to the beneficiary's bank. This bank immediately credits the amount to the beneficiary's account on that same day (book date for beneficiary). The beneficiary then receives interest on the amount from Tuesday (value date for beneficiary).

Transaction date

To calculate interest on cash and card transactions (cash withdrawals, cash deposits, POS payments, etc.), value-dating is based on the transaction date. The transaction date is the date on which you effected the transaction. At ABN AMRO the value date for card transactions is the same as the transaction date. For cash deposits the value date is the transaction date + 1 day and for cash withdrawals the value date is the transaction date - 1 day.

Cash and card transactions during the weekend

For cash and card transactions, ABN AMRO does not make entries on Saturdays and Sundays. These payments will be entered and presented to Interpay by ABN AMRO on Monday. However in these cases, the Saturday and Sunday are treated as the value date.

Exceptions for companies with POS terminals

As with fund transfers, the value-dating of debit card and e-purse payments received by your company is based on the settlement date. These receipts are collected in the evening and presented for settlement the next working day. The book date for these receipts is the same day as the settlement date. The value date is this settlement date + 1 day. Specific arrangements apply to credit card receipts.

Example 3

On Tuesday you have paid for your shopping in the supermarket with your debit card (transaction date). The bank debits the paid amount from your account on Tuesday (book date). In this example, you receive interest on the paid amount upto Tuesday (value date).

The examples explain ABN AMRO's domestic fund transfer process.

	Example 1					Example 2	
Value date for ordering customer	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Saturday
Delivery of payment order¹	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Book date for ordering customer	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Monday
Settlement date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Monday
Book date for beneficiary	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Monday
Value date for beneficiary	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Tuesday	Tuesday

¹ The book date and the settlement date depend on the time that the payment order is delivered. Each product and delivery method has different deadlines for same-day settlement.

	Example 3						
Transaction date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Value date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Book date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Monday

ABN AMRO applies the following value-dating rules for its account holders:

Outgoing	Fund transfers	Domestic payments		Foreign payments ¹	
			Number of value days		Number of value days ²
Outgoing	Fund transfers	Funds transferred via transfer form/ giro collection form	1	Outgoing foreign payment ³	0
		Electronic funds transfer	1	Payment via a bank cheque	0
		Urgent payment (Telegiro)	1		
		Funds transferred between 2 ABN AMRO accounts of the same customer	0		
		Intercompany transfer (business)	0		
		Direct debit mandate	1		
	Cash and card transactions	Payment with your debit or credit card	0	Payment made abroad with debit or credit card	0
		Cash dispenser withdrawal	0	Cash dispenser withdrawal abroad with debit or credit card	0
		Loading your e-purse	0		
		Over-the-counter cash withdrawals < EUR 6,800	0		
		Over-the-counter cash withdrawals >= EUR 6,800	1		
Incoming	Fund transfers	Incoming transfer	1	Incoming payments in euro to the credit of euro-denominated account ⁴	1
		Incoming urgent payment (Telegiro)	1	Incoming payments in foreign currency (not euro) to the credit of an account in the same currency ⁴	1
	Cash and card transactions	Over-the-counter cash withdrawal or via the cash machine (unpackaged)	1	Incoming payments in foreign currency (not euro) to the credit of an account in different currency ⁴	1
		Packaged over-the-counter deposit (business)	1		
		Packaged deposit via deposit machine (until 6 p.m.) (business)	1		
		Packaged deposit via money transport (business)	1		
		Acceptance of e-purse/credit card/debit card via POS terminal (business) ⁵	1		

¹ In cross border payments Saturday is no value date. This applies to domestic payments.

² For cross border payments that are subject to the EC regulation the following value dating rules apply:

- For outgoing payments the value date is the book date - 1 day.
- For incoming payments the value date is the book date + 1 day.
- For urgent payments the book date is the same as the value date.

³ With an outgoing foreign payment the money is available to the foreign bank within 0 to 2 value days (at maximum); this depends on: the time of delivery, the account to be debited, the currency and status of payment (i.e. urgent or normal).

⁴ With an incoming foreign payment, the value date is based on the date on which the amount is received by ABN AMRO from the foreign bank in its account and starts to earn interest.

⁵ As with fund transfers, the value-dating of debit card or e-purse payments received by your company is based on the settlement date. Specific arrangements apply to credit card receipts.

Definitions at a glance

Book date

The date on which your account balance changes. This is also referred to as entry date.

Transit time

The time lapse between the moment you send the payment order and the moment that the beneficiary can access the transfer amount.

Value date

The date on which a credited or debited amount is included in the interest computation.

Transaction date

The date on which you actually effected a transaction (cash withdrawal, cash deposit, etc.).

Value-dating

A method for determining the date on which the computation of interest starts or ends.

Settlement

The settlement of interbank transfers between the banks involved in the payment via Interpay and DNB.

Processing time

The time that the banks need to process your transaction and transfer the money.