



Savings & Money Market Account Transfer Limitations - FAQs

What is Regulation D?

Regulation D is a regulation for savings and money market accounts created by the Federal Reserve Board that affects all financial institutions. This regulation was established to prevent consumers from using their savings or money market accounts as transactional or checking accounts. The number of electronic transfers or checks are limited to a combined maximum of *six (6)* transfers per calendar month from a savings or money market account.

What happens if I reach the limit of six transfers or withdrawals per month?

Regulation D requires Northstar Bank to take steps to prevent excessive transactions in non-transactional accounts (i.e., savings, money market accounts). Excessive transactions are transfers and/or withdrawals in excess of the six (6) transfer/withdrawal limitations from your savings or money market account. A fee of \$10 will be assessed with each withdrawal in excess. The regulation requires that either the account be closed or that the funds be transferred to a transaction (or checking) account if the excessive transactions continue (three times over a 12-month cycle).

Which transfer or withdrawal methods are limited to six per month?

- Checks payable to third parties
- Telephone requests for transfer
- Online Banking transfers, Mobile Banking transfers and Bill Pay transactions
- Pre-authorized, automatic, scheduled or recurring funds transfers or withdrawals (ACH payments, transfers to other accounts)
- Point-of-Sale (POS) or debit card transactions
- Fax requests for transfers or withdrawals
- Mail requests for checks payable to third parties

Which transfer or withdrawal methods are unlimited and do not count towards the six per month?

- ATM transfers and withdrawals
- In person branch requests for transfers and withdrawals
- Preauthorized payment transfers to a Northstar Bank related loan account
- Mail requests for transfers or withdrawals
- Night drop requests
- Telephone requests when check mailed to account owner
- Wire transfers

How can I avoid reaching the transfer and/or withdrawal limit of six?

- Make insurance, utility, or other recurring payments electronically from your checking account instead of your savings or money market account
- Set up automatic transfers from your checking account to other designated accounts instead of from your savings account
- Consider performing transfers and withdrawals in person at one of our branches or ATMs
- Plan ahead and make one large transfer or withdrawal instead of several smaller transactions

What are my options once an account has reached its limit for the month?

You may request transfers and withdrawals in person at one of our branches, by mail, night drop or at an ATM – these transactions are unlimited.

How will I know if I have reached the limit for the month?

Keep track of your transactions by using a ledger or online banking to view your account. Also, Northstar Bank will monitor your account and will notify you via letter (and possibly phone call) when you have exceeded the limits.