

Meaning of Bank

The term bank refers to a financial institution which deals with deposits and advances and other related services. Bank receives money from those who want to save in the form of deposits and it lends money to those who need it.

Definition of Bank

Oxford Dictionary defines a bank as “an establishment for custody of money, which it pays out on customer’s order.”

Meaning of Banker

Banker is a person who performs various banking operations which are specified as conducting savings accounts, current account or term deposit account for his customers, collects cheques or bills amount, paying cheques amount on behalf of his customers.

Definitions of Banker

According to *Dr. Herbert Hart*, "A banker is one who in the ordinary course of his business, honours cheques drawn upon him by persons from and for whom he receives money on current account".

According to *Halsbury's Laws of England*, "A banker is an individual, partnership or corporation whose sole predominating business is banking, that is the receipt of money on current account or deposit account and the payment of cheques drawn by and the collection of cheques paid in by a customer".

According to *Me Cleod*, "The essential business of a banker is to buy money and debts by creating other debts. A banker is essentially a dealer in debts or credit".

According to *English Common Law*, "A banker is a person who carries on the business of banking, which is specified as conducting current accounts for his customers, paying cheques drawn on him and collecting cheques for his customers".

Sir John Paget says in his book, 'The Law of Banking', "no person or body corporate or otherwise can be a banker who does not (1) take deposit accounts, (2) take current accounts, (3) issue and pay cheques and (4) collect cheques crossed and uncrossed for its customers." He adds that, "one claiming to be a banker must profess himself to be one and the public must accept him as such; his main business must be that of banking from which generally he should be able to earn his living".

Meaning of Customer

Customer is a person who has an account either savings account, current account, term deposit account or maintains any similar relationship with a banker such as deposit cash to others account, makes DD, deposits cheques to others account etc.

Definitions of Customer

According to *Dr. Herbert L. Hart*, "a customer is one who has account with a banker or for whom a banker habitually undertakes to act as such."

According to *Justice Bailhache*, "the relation of banker and customer begins as soon as the first cheque is paid in and accepted for collection not merely when it is paid."

According to *Sir John Paget*, "to constitute a customer there should be recognizable course or habit of dealing in the regular banking business."