Your Payroll Direct Deposit Information in my.SMU

To view/enter/update your direct deposit information, navigate to Self Service > Payroll and Compensation > Direct Deposit.

Your current banking information for payroll deposits will be displayed on the screen.

It is essential that you have accurate banking information to establish or update your direct deposit account record. Typically this information can be obtained by

- a. Contacting a customer service number for your financial institution
- b. Visiting a local bank branch or office, or
- c. Viewing your account information online within your bank’s Web portal.

Direct deposit changes will be reflected on your next paycheck processed by SMU, as feasible – so, update your account information as soon as you know a change is needed.

- A general guideline (to ensure your changes are reflected on your next paycheck) is to have your direct deposit information updated in my.SMU by the “TIMEaccess & Elec.Extra Comp Approval Date” indicated on the Payroll Processing Schedule for the specific pay date.
- If a paycheck for you is being processed at the time you submit your changes, your changes may not be reflected until the following paycheck.

To add account information:

- Click the “Add Account” button.
- Complete all required fields of data on the page (indicated with a * next to the field name).
  - Use the View check example link on the page to understand the essential bank account information used for direct deposit transactions (Routing Number and Account Number).
    ➔ Do not enter your debit card number as your account number!
  - “Amount or Percentage” is the only optional field on the page, to be completed if you are setting up an account to which you are allocating a specific amount or percentage from your net pay.
- For Account Type, choose “Checking” or “Savings.”
- For Deposit Type, designate one account to be the “Balance of Net Pay” type of account.
  - If you are only using one account for your Payroll direct deposit, it should be designated as your “Balance of Net Pay” account.
  - If you are also allocating part of your net pay to another checking or savings account, the “Balance of Net Pay” account is the one to which the rest of your paycheck is deposited after you send a specified amount of money to a savings account, etc.
- Use the Amount or Percent field to allocate a portion of your net pay into an account with a Deposit Type of “Amount” or “Percentage.”
- The value you indicate in the Deposit Order field will determine the order in which your net pay is allocated between multiple deposit accounts.
  - If you want to allocate your net pay between multiple accounts, assign the Deposit Order value in the order you want the accounts used for your deposit.
    - The account you designate as “1” will be the first to receive the designated amount or percentage.
    - The account you designate as “2” will be the second to receive the designated amount or percentage, etc.
  - Your “Balance of Net Pay” account will be assigned the Priority Value of ‘999’ (the highest Deposit Order value) so that all other allocations are processed before that one.
• Click “Submit” at the bottom of the page to save the new account information. (A small ‘Saved’ image will display briefly in the upper right corner of your screen.)
• Click “Return to Direct Deposit” to view all of your updated account information.

To change existing account information:

• Click “Edit” button on the row to be updated. A new page will open with the fields populated with your current information.
• Update the field(s) as needed. Refer to account details provided by your financial institution to ensure the information you submit is valid.
  ○ Use the View check example link on the page to understand the essential bank account information used for direct deposit transactions (Routing Number and Account Number).
• To cancel any changes you’ve made on the page, click “Return to Direct Deposit” link at the bottom of the page before clicking Submit.
• Click “Submit” at the bottom of the page to save the new account information. (A small ‘Saved’ image will display briefly in the upper right corner of your screen.)
• Click “Return to Direct Deposit” to view all of your updated account information.

To delete existing account information:

• Click the “Delete” button on the row to be deleted.
• On the Delete Confirmation page, click “Yes” or “No” to complete the transaction.
• On the Submit Confirmation page, click “OK” to return to the Direct Deposit page.
• Review your updated direct deposit information to ensure that the correct account was deleted.

Note about deleting accounts:

The order in which you make changes matters! Be sure to add a new account before deleting the last row of existing account information. If you delete all of your accounts with the intention of then adding new account information, you will be required to wait until a later date to make changes to your direct deposit record. (See additional information below in Submitting multiple changes.)

Submitting multiple changes:

Direct deposit changes are limited to one self-service transaction per day. You can add or edit information for multiple direct deposit accounts in a single self-service transaction, but once you save the changes and exit the Direct Deposit page, you cannot make additional changes on the same day. If you attempt to make additional changes, a message appears from the Direct Deposit page saying that multiple direct deposit changes are not allowed on the same day.

Be sure to review all of your updated information before you navigate off the Direct Deposit page in Self Service.

If you submit direct deposit information and realize that you need to make additional changes after you leave the Direct Deposit page in Self Service, you will need to return to my.SMU on the following day to submit the new or changed information.

For additional assistance, please contact the Payroll Help Desk (payroll@smu.edu or 214-768-2073).