



Ulster Bank

Trade Loans

Fund your exports, imports or UK trading activity

Designed to help you with the costs of trading, for both Domestic and International Trade. A Trade Loan can be used for many purposes including revolving facilities to import materials before selling on domestically, financing contract production costs prior to shipment, supplier payments/funding ongoing and regular stock turnover or providing working capital to fund specific contracts. The loan could be tailored to fit your business needs.

Your business needs

You want to fund your trading activities. These may include the cost of fulfilling a specific contract before shipping the goods (such as raw materials and labour); the import of goods before selling on to customers; and keeping up your stock levels in advance of sales.

How we could help

- Trade Loans are generally short term loans tailored to a specific contract or contracts.
- They cover the funding gap between you paying your suppliers and being paid by your customer – usually less than six months.
- Repayment is generally made from the sales proceeds: when your customer pays you, the loan is repaid.

Benefits

- Only take the credit you need (typically 30, 60, 90, 180 days etc.). No need to build your trade funding requirements into your annual overdraft
- Due to the way these loans are controlled, in some cases we can provide a greater level of credit than we may be able to with an overdraft or business loan
- The loan(s) are kept separate to any other facilities or loans so the funds do not become mixed with working capital for general everyday purposes

Is a Trade Loan right for you?

You might consider a Trade Loan if you:



Need help to bridge the gap between paying suppliers and ultimately being paid by your customers



Require an alternative to using your overdraft



Want to keep funding for specific contracts separate from your general working capital

Things to think about

- To draw funds from a Trade Loan, certain pre-agreed documents associated with the contract have to be presented e.g. purchase order, invoice, shipping documents
- The money from the loan has to be used to pay pre-agreed suppliers
- Support may be available through the government schemes provided by UK Export Finance. Ulster Bank and the Department for Business and Trade and UK Export Finance could provide access to finance that might not otherwise be possible

How it works

You meet your Relationship Manager (RM) and Trade Finance specialist

Your RM explains your options and if a Trade Loan is appropriate, then your local Trade Finance specialist works with you to produce a bespoke Trade Loan that fits your needs.



Apply

Your RM will take forward your request for a Trade Loan and, if accepted, provides a Trade Loan agreement for you to sign



Draw down the Trade Loan

When you require the loan (or part of it) to pay your suppliers, you forward copies of previously agreed documentation (e.g. purchase order, invoice, shipping documentation) to ourselves and we reimburse you for payments made to suppliers. Loans can be made in sterling, Euros or US Dollars



Repayment

When your customer pays you we will repay the loan from the proceeds of your customer's payment to your account.

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How we work with you

- Our team of specialist trade advisors will work with you and your Relationship Manager to understand your business and your plans for the future.
- Our wide range of trade finance products, along with the benefits and the costs, will be explained to you and a joint decision will be made as to the best solution(s) for your business.

Product Specifications

- **Term:** Up to 2 years but typically 30-180 days
- **Flexible repayments:** Early Repayment Possible
- **Interest Rate:** Fixed

Your Challenges

- You cannot fund a new contract because your everyday credit facilities are already being used for other purposes
- You do not know what your trade funding requirements will be for the coming year and therefore don't want to build lending into your overdraft that you may not need

Our Solution

- Due to the way these loans are controlled, in some cases we can provide a greater level of credit than we may be able to obtain with an overdraft or business loan
- Trade Loans are designed to cover short periods of time - 30, 60, 90, 180 days - in order to fund your trading costs for a particular contract. It can be drawn when you need it. Each loan is repaid as soon as you are paid by your customer

Other information about Trade Loans

- Letter of Credit or Collection
- Arrangement fee
- Interest rate
- These can be used alongside your Trade Loan and will help to minimise the risk of you not being paid
- An arrangement fee may apply
- The loan will charge an interest rate

Security may be required. Product fees may apply. Over 18s only. Subject to status, business use only.

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