



NatWest
Group

This is **Our Code**

**We champion
potential, helping
people, families and
businesses to thrive.**

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How we behave with others determines if people want to do business with us, work for us and welcome us as part of their community.

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This is why the integrity of Our Code rests in the hands of every individual in NatWest Group and we carry the same responsibility to each other to ensure we live by our purpose, values and behaviours and do the right thing for our colleagues, customers, suppliers, communities and shareholders. Whether you're a permanent colleague, contractor, agency or temporary worker.

Our Supplier Charter sets out our aims and expectations in terms of ethical business conduct, human rights, bullying and harassment, environmental sustainability and diversity and inclusion.

It details what we expect from our suppliers, but more importantly clearly outlines what our own commitments are and the outcomes we will aim to achieve by working together.

Living our purpose, values and behaviours creates and promotes a positive environment free from bullying, harassment and discrimination.

At NatWest we won't tolerate any form of discrimination related to age, disability, gender reassignment, race/ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity and encourage anyone to speak up if they don't see our purpose in action. We treat any allegation seriously and sensitively and have in place robust policies and procedures to manage instances should they occur.

So, Our Code is for everyone. It sets out what we expect of each other, and what our customers, suppliers, shareholders and the communities in which we're part of expect of us. For now, and for future generations.

This is Our Code. It helps each and every one of us do the right thing. Make it part of your every day.

What we believe

Our Purpose

We champion potential, helping people, families and businesses to thrive.

Our Focus

Enterprise and removing barriers to support businesses to grow.

Learning and improving financial capability and confidence for our customers, and establishing a dynamic learning culture for our employees.

Helping address the climate challenge.

Our Values

Inclusive

We work together to achieve great things with our colleagues, communities and customers.

We celebrate and respect everyone's strengths and differences and share our knowledge and experiences.

We are committed to nurturing a fair and inclusive environment where we all feel we belong.

Curious

We experiment and explore with relentless curiosity and broad perspectives.

We deliver One Bank value through innovation.

We are courageous and creative innovators, who try new things.

Robust

We act with integrity and take risk intelligently.

We strive to keep our colleagues, customers and communities safe and secure.

We solve problems and deliver the best outcomes.

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Sustainable
Ambitious

We pride ourselves on our diversity but we share the same purpose-led focus and values to truly champion potential.

Sustainable

We care deeply about our impact on people and the planet.

We show empathy, build relationships in a digital world and are at our customers' sides throughout their lives.

We act responsibly for the long term.

Ambitious

We are role models for the change we want to see – guided by our purpose.

We prioritise wellbeing and learning for ourselves and others.

We set high standards for ourselves and others to achieve outstanding results.

All this comes together in Our Code.

How we work

Four key tools guide the way we work together.



Our Code

How we work

This lays out our purpose and the values and behaviours we expect from each other.

The YES Check

How we make decisions

This guides the way we think and the judgements behind our decisions and actions.

Our Conduct Rules and Critical People Capabilities

How we behave

The Conduct Rules and our Critical People Capabilities (CPCs) skills and behaviours, describe how we should approach our jobs and behave every day.

Our Policies

How we do things

These inform how we do things. They outline the expectations of the Bank, customers and regulators, and processes and procedures that must be followed.

How we make decisions



The YES Check

Our customers, colleagues and the communities in which we do business trust each of us to be thoughtful and professional in everything we do.

They expect each of us to exercise good judgement and to do the right thing.

We use our purpose and values to help guide our decisions. When in doubt, we use the YES Check to help us ask the right questions and make the best decisions every day.

Decisions are not always straightforward. The YES Check can help us to challenge, check and truly champion potential.

Ask yourself...

1 Would others say I am acting with respect and integrity?

Consider: What would your family, friends, colleagues and community think?

2 Does what I am doing keep the Bank, our customers and communities safe and secure?

Consider: If you presented this decision to a group of savers or shareholders, would you be seen as taking due care?

3 Am I acting fairly and being inclusive?

Consider: What are you trying to achieve? Have you considered everyone affected by this decision including the underserved or excluded?

4 Have I sought out, listened to and taken different perspectives into account?

Consider: What assumptions have you made? Have you been curious and tested your thinking on people with different views and looked at different data?

5 Will this advance our purpose to champion potential and help people, families and business thrive?

Consider: How? Try writing the press release. Does it sound good to customers and communities? What is the impact on future generations?

How we behave

The Conduct Rules reinforce Our Values. They hold us to account for our actions and behaviours. They apply to us all no matter which part of the Bank you work in.



The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) sets out expectations of individual behaviour through a clear set of regulatory Conduct Rules.

The FCA also sets out clear expectations for our most senior leaders, and a further set of regulatory Conduct Rules apply to them. If you are affected by these, you will receive information and support on an individual basis.

Living by these Individual Conduct Rules, together with our purpose, our values, YES Check and policies, ensures we are taking individual accountability to:

Deliver fair outcomes for all stakeholders.

Build trust in our Bank for our colleagues, customers, suppliers, communities and shareholders.

Meet our regulatory obligations.

Individual Conduct Rules

1. You must act with integrity
2. You must act with due skill, care and diligence
3. You must be open and cooperative with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), and other regulators
4. You must pay due regard to the interests of customers and treat them fairly
5. You must observe proper standards of market conduct
6. You must act to deliver good outcomes for retail customers*

*Retail customers in the Conduct Rules is the FCA's definition, which is broader than our internal Retail Banking customer population.

How we behave

Critical People Capabilities

The CPC skills and behaviours set clear expectations on what is consistently required from us all. They explain how we need to work every day and are aligned to our purpose, values and risk culture. They will help build your capability for a successful career both now and in the future.

Guiding how we behave today and preparing us for the future.



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Critical thinker

Sustainable

Trusted advisor

Ambitious

Change ready

How we behave

Inclusive

Connected

Skills & Behaviours:

- Valuing differences
- Collaborating
- Team working
- Communication
- Community connections

Curious

Improver innovator

Skills & Behaviours:

- Creative thinking
- Continuous improvement
- One Bank thinking
- Digital literacy
- Working at pace
- Agile methodology

Robust

Critical thinker

Skills & Behaviours:

- Understanding problems
- Decision making
- Data literacy
- Challenging decisions
- Strategic thinking
- Cyber safety

Sustainable

Trusted Advisor

Skills & Behaviours:

- Building relationships
- Focusing on customers
- Considering others
- Doing the right thing
- taking ownership
- Expertise

Ambitious

Change ready

Skills & Behaviours:

- Resilience and wellbeing
- Adaptability
- Self-directed learning
- Learns from experience
- Constructive feedback
- Coaching
- Achieving results

How we do things

The Bank's policies describe in more detail the rules that everyone is expected to follow.

By following our policies, our approach to risk management is consistent and will keep us and our customers safe and secure. We also have local country policies which align to country laws and regulations.

We take personal responsibility for ensuring we are familiar with the Bank's policies relevant to our role.

Some of the key policies and guidance areas:

- Anti Bullying and Harassment
- Competition
- Complaints Management
- Conflicts of interest
- Customers In Vulnerable situations
- Data Ethics
- Financial Crime
- Managing Records
- Market Abuse and Inside Information
- Performance Management
- Privacy and Client Confidentiality
- Security
- Speak Up
- Travel & Entertainment

They ensure we comply with the legal and regulatory requirements that are critical in a highly regulated industry.

How we do things

We all have a responsibility to speak up if something is wrong and will affect NatWest Group, its customers, colleagues, suppliers, shareholders or the public.

This includes behaviour that is not in line with Our Code, breaches our internal policies and procedures, breaches our regulatory requirements, or is illegal.

Anyone raising a concern is acting in accordance with NatWest Group values.

You do not need to have proof that the activity being reported has been, is being or is likely to be committed.

How to speak up

You can raise your concerns with a colleague, through your line management or through the dedicated whistleblowing service 'Speak Up'.

Speak Up is a confidential 24/7 telephone and online reporting service operated on behalf of NatWest Group by an independent third-party supplier. Reports can also be made directly to the Speak Up team via email, letter or face to face. The most efficient way to raise your concerns is online.

The Speak Up framework is designed to provide a safe and secure environment to speak up, enabling you to raise your concerns about wrongdoing or misconduct at an early stage and in the right way.

All concerns raised through Speak Up are treated confidentially, meaning that your name and contact details will not be shared outside of the Speak Up investigation unless required for legal purposes. However, you can also raise your concerns anonymously if you prefer not to share your name.



How we do things

Speak Up

The bank's confidential whistleblowing service

How to contact us

Visit the Speak Up intranet page for more information, including the Speak Up Policy, contact details for the team and the link to raise a concern.

NatWest Group treats whistleblowing seriously. We will consider every concern reported.

Where appropriate, we will allocate an independent investigator to examine the issues you have raised and establish the underlying facts. Depending on the investigation findings, appropriate and proportionate action will be taken to address any issues identified.

Protection

You will be protected should you suffer any form of detrimental treatment – including bullying, harassment, victimisation or discrimination - as a result of raising genuine concerns. The mistreatment of anyone raising a concern will be viewed as a disciplinary matter.

You may also be afforded protection under local laws.

External Reporting

You can also report your concerns directly to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) in the UK, or a local country regulator.

There's no requirement for you to raise your concerns internally before, during or after contacting the regulator.

Framework Integrity

The NatWest Group Audit Committee (GAC) monitors the effectiveness of the Group's whistleblowing process and receives updates on the volume of whistleblowing reports and any common themes. The GAC Chairman acts as the Group's whistleblowing champion

To find out more, visit:
Intranet > Useful sites > Speak Up

How we do things



Health and wellbeing at work is as important to the Bank, as it is to the individual concerned.

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Supporting colleagues' mental, physical, social and financial wellbeing is a key priority for the Bank. The Wellbeing Hub provides a vast range of support covering each of our pillars of wellbeing.

Our Employee Assistance Programme can provide advice, information, support and counselling services which are free and confidential for all colleagues. It's a helpline and/or online service provided by an independent specialist supplier and can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How to contact us

For the helpline contact details go to Human Resources > Wellbeing and select your region.



Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at the Bank.

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do for our colleagues, our customers and the communities we serve.

Inclusion is about making sure everyone can bring the best of themselves to work every day. It's about creating a safe culture where people feel comfortable being their true selves, knowing we'll support them. It's about celebrating our differences and finding ways to turn them to our advantage and it's about giving everyone the same opportunities to grow.

We want everyone to actively promote the culture of inclusion through intentional, positive and conscious efforts that benefit groups of people.

By threading it through our organisational values and holding our leaders accountable through our objectives and goal setting processes, we are focused on continuing to create a diverse and inclusive organisation which is reflective of society.

How to contact us

To find out more please go to Human Resources > Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or if you want to join one of our Employee Led Network please go to About the Bank > This is us > Employee Led Networks



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