

# **IBAN** and **BIC**

An IBAN, or **International Bank Account Number**, is a standard, internationally recognised bank account format used to process select cross border payments. Used with a **Bank Identifier Code** (BIC), international payments can be processed automatically, making them faster and safer.

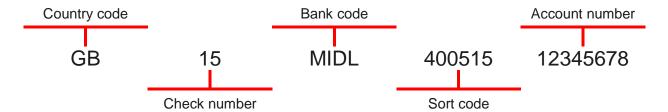
The IBAN format was originally adopted by member states of the European Union and has since been taken up by other countries. The IBAN consists of an alphabetical country code, followed by two digits, and then up to thirty five characters for the bank account number. For payments being sent from Australia to an IBAN mandatory country, an IBAN must be included.

Fees and charges may be applied by the receiving bank and your international payment may be rejected if the IBAN is missing or incorrect on countries requesting it.

#### How to find IBAN and BIC

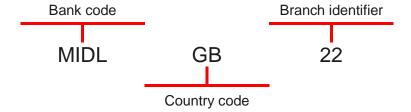
IBAN and BIC should be given to you by the beneficiary of your international payments.

An **IBAN** looks like this **GB15MIDL40051512345678.** The structure is consistent but the actual length, which can be up to 34 characters, depends on the national standards of the country in which it is issued.



- Country code identifies the country in which the IBAN was issued and where the IBAN account is held
- Check number enables a banking institution to complete an integrity check of the IBAN. It will vary from one IBAN to another
- Bank code identifies the IBAN account holder's bank
- Sort code and account number identify the account into which funds should be transferred

A BIC identifies the bank branch and looks like this MIDLGB22.





### When to use IBAN and BIC

#### Countries where the use of IBAN is mandatory:

| Countries where the use | IBAN length | IBAN examples                   |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Andorra                 | 24          | AD120001203020035910 0100       |
| Austria                 | 20          | AT611904300234573201            |
| Bahrain                 | 22          | BH67BMAG00001299123456          |
| Belgium                 | 16          | BE68539007547034                |
| Bulgaria                | 22          | BG80BNBG96611020345678          |
| Croatia                 | 21          | HR1210010051863000160           |
| Cyprus                  | 28          | CY17002001280000001200527600    |
| Czech Republic          | 24          | CZ6508000000192000145399        |
| Denmark                 | 18          | DK5000400440116243              |
| Estonia                 | 20          | EE382200221020145685            |
| Faeroe Islands          | 18          | FO6264600001631634              |
| Finland                 | 18          | FI2112345600000785              |
| France                  | 27          | FR1420041010050500013M02606     |
| Georgia                 | 22          | GE29NB0000000101904917          |
| Germany                 | 22          | DE89370400440532013000          |
| Gibraltar               | 23          | GI75NWBK00000007099453          |
| Great Britain           | 22          | GB29NWBK60161331926819          |
| Greece                  | 27          | GR16 01101250000000012300695    |
| Greenland               | 18          | GL8964710001000206              |
| Guernsey                | 22          | GB57NWBK55504453178386          |
| Hungary                 | 28          | HU42117730161111101800000000    |
| Iceland                 | 26          | IS140159260076545510730339      |
| Ireland                 | 22          | IE29AIBK93115212345678          |
| Isle of Man             | 22          | GB57NWBK55504453178386          |
| Isle of Man             | 22          | IM07MIDL40193872448696          |
| Italy                   | 27          | IT60X0542811101000000123456     |
| Jersey                  | 22          | GB57NWBK55504453178386          |
| Jersey                  | 22          | JE68ABNA0350917C000978          |
| Jordan                  | 30          | JO99HBHA4543333578295175367253  |
| Latvia                  | 21          | LV80BANK0000435195001           |
| Lebanon                 | 28          | LB6209990000001001901229114     |
| Liechtenstein           | 21          | LI21088100002324013AA           |
| Lithuania               | 20          | LT121000011101001000            |
| Luxembourg              | 20          | LU280019400644750000            |
| Macedonia               | 19          | MK07250120000058984             |
| Malta                   | 31          | MT84MALT011000012345MTLCAST001S |
| Moldova                 | 24          | MD24AG000225100013104168        |



| Monaco                | 27 | MC5811222000010123456789030  |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------------|
| Montenegro            | 22 | ME25505000012345678951       |
| Netherlands           | 18 | NL91ABNA0417164300           |
| Norway                | 15 | NO9386011117947              |
| Pakistan              | 24 | PK36SCBL0000001123456702     |
| Palestinian Territory | 29 | PS92PALS00000000400123456702 |
| Poland                | 28 | PL61109010140000071219812874 |
| Portugal              | 25 | PT50000201231234567890154    |
| Qatar                 | 29 | QA01QNBA00000001234123412341 |
| Romania               | 24 | RO49AAAA1B31007593840000     |
| San Marino            | 27 | SM86U0322509800000000270100  |
| Saudi Arabia          | 24 | SA038000000608010167519      |
| Slovakia              | 24 | SK3112000000198742637541     |
| Slovenia              | 19 | SI56263300012039086          |
| Spain                 | 24 | ES9121000418450200051332     |
| Sweden                | 24 | SE4550000000058398257466     |
| Switzerland           | 21 | CH9300762011623852957        |
| Tunisia               | 24 | TN5910006035183598478831     |
| Turkey                | 26 | TR330006100519786457841326   |
| United Arab Emirates  | 23 | AE070331234567890123456      |
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#### Countries where the use of an IBAN is recommended:

| Country            | IBAN length | IBAN examples                    |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Albania            | 28          | AL4721211009000000235698741      |
| Azerbaijan         | 28          | AZ21NABZ00000000137010001944     |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 20          | BA391290079401028494             |
| Brazil             | 29          | BR9700360305000010009795493P1    |
| Costa Rica         | 21          | CR051202001026284066             |
| Dominican Republic | 28          | DO28BAGR0000001212453611324      |
| Guatemala          | 28          | GT82TRAJ01020000001210029690     |
| Israel             | 23          | IL620108000000099999999          |
| Kazakhstan         | 20          | KZ86125KZT5004100100             |
| Kosovo             | 20          | XK051212012345678906             |
| Kuwait             | 30          | KW81CBKU000000000001234560101    |
| Mauritania         | 27          | MR1300020001010000123456753      |
| Mauritius          | 30          | MU17BOMM0101101030300200000MUR   |
| Serbia             | 22          | RS35260005601001611379           |
| St Lucia           | 32          | LC831090101400000712198128743156 |
| Virgin Islands     | 24          | VG96VPVG0000012345678901         |
| Albania            | 28          | AL47212110090000000235698741     |

Lists subject to change as more and more countries require that the beneficiary's account is specified as an IBAN.



## How to make payments using an IBAN and a BIC

An IBAN may be supplied to you prefaced by 'IBAN', e.g. **IBAN GB15MIDL40051512345678**. Quote the IBAN in the beneficiary account number field of your payment instruction but don't include the preface 'IBAN' or use any spaces between the characters, which may have been inserted to make it easier to read.



You should quote the BIC in the beneficiary details field. Again, it should not include the preface 'BIC' or any spaces between the characters, e.g. **MIDLGB22123.** 

