

State Department Federal Credit Union

Topics of Interest

Savings Transactions are Limited By Regulation D.

At State Department Federal Credit Union, we recognize that members have different needs and we offer accounts with different features designed to meet those needs. Our goal is to allow you as much freedom as possible in accomplishing your personal financial objectives.

Member customization aside, some of the account terms we offer are not set by this credit union, but are required by federal law. Transfer limits on savings accounts set forth in Federal Regulation D can be both confusing and annoying.

According to Reg D, you may not make more than six pre-authorized transfers per month out of a savings account (Regular Shares or Money Management). For purposes of the regulation, "pre-authorized transfers" means transfers by phone, fax, email, SDFCU Online, wire, and cable, as well as overdraft transfers to checking to cover checks and/or electronic (ACH) debits. Money Management checks are limited to three per month, and they count towards the Reg D limit of six total for your Money Management Share Account.

Reg D does not limit transfers to pay your SDFCU loans or to satisfy any other outstanding obligations to the credit union. In addition, there are no limits on the number of transfers or withdrawals you make at an ATM, in person, or by mail.

Once you have reached the limit of six regulated transactions in a month, you will not be able to complete any more pre-authorized transfers until the following month.

Strategies to help manage Federally Regulated savings transaction limits:

1. Set up an SDFCU MoneyLine line-of-credit as your primary overdraft source. Transfers from loans are not regulated.
2. Balance your checking account on a regular basis. Use SDFCU Online and Account24 to manage your transfers and track your account. This will help limit the number of overdraft transfers from your regular share account.
3. Plan ahead and make one larger transfer instead of several small transfers. Each regulated transfer counts as one transaction, no matter what the amount.

If you have any questions, please contact our Member Service Center at 703-706-5000 or 800-296-8882, or email us at sdfcu@sdfcu.org.

