

## Citizenship Language Pack For Migrants in Europe - Extended

# English

## Multimedia Course in Language and Culture for Migrants

### A2 Level

### To aid communication in everyday English in Ireland

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## **Module 7:**

### **Authorities**





### **Introduction**

Maria Wallace, a young woman goes to a bank to open an account. Some details are required from her to fill in the application form correctly.

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## Dialogue 15 – Bank

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHmRvsK0yq3eKIr35DOT7-5M2f7ynI4m>

 	<p><b>Situation:</b> At the bank</p> <p><b>Characters:</b> Thomas and Maria</p>
<p>Thomas</p>	<p>Maria</p>

**Thomas-** Good afternoon and how may I help you?

**Maria-** Good afternoon. My name is Maria Wallace and I would like to open an account. Would that be possible?

**Thomas-** Certainly, ma'am. Would you like a basic deposit account or a current account?

**Maria-** A current account. And we'll need two cash cards.

**Thomas-** Yes, ma'am. We offer different products to our clients. Eh, what is your income, ma'am?

**Maria-** Is that necessary?

**Thomas-** Well, yes, of course. If you put in more than €1500 per month your account is free of charge. And you'll get your two ATM cards so you can use them throughout Ireland and all of Europe.

**Maria-** Oh, I understand. I earn €1600 net monthly and my husband earns €400 a month. In total, we ear €2000 per month.

**Thomas-** Very good, ma'am. So, can I ask you to fill in this form, please?

**Maria-** Yes, no problem.

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## Oral Comprehension

**Answer the following questions. The correct answers can be found in the key on the last page.**

### Exercise 1:

What does Maria want two of?

- a. Accounts
- b. Incomes
- c. Cash cards

### Exercise 2:

How much do you have to lodge per month in order to get your bank account for free?

- a. €2000
- b. €1500
- c. €2500

### Exercises 3 – 5:

**Write the following numbers in words:**

- a. 1600 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 2555 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 3962 \_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

### **“If” first condition:**

The first conditional is used in English to express possibilities in the present or in the future.

The structure of the sentence:

If + present simple, Will + base verb

### **Example:**

If you pay at least €1500 per month into your account, your account will be free of charge.

### **Links:**

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/first-conditional.html>

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/conditional2.htm>

[https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-conditional\\_2.htm](https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-conditional_2.htm)

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## In Ireland

Before opening a bank account in Ireland, it is good to research the different banks and find out what they can offer you. Banking charges can be very high so it is worth shopping around for a good deal. The citizens' information website of Ireland gives a good overview of the types of accounts and how to open a bank account. Follow the link below to visit it and find out more:

[http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money\\_and\\_tax/personal\\_finance/financial\\_institutions/opening\\_and\\_switching\\_a\\_bank\\_account.html](http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money_and_tax/personal_finance/financial_institutions/opening_and_switching_a_bank_account.html)

### Vocabulary

Account	Possible	Certainly
Deposit account	Current account	Free of charge
Cash card/ATM card	Income	Necessary
Throughout	Monthly	Form

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

## Key

**After you have completed the exercises, check your answers here.**

**Exercise 1** - c

**Exercise 2** - b

**Exercise 3 – 5:**

- a. Sixteen hundred **or** one thousand six hundred
- b. Two thousand five hundred and fifty-five
- c. Three thousand nine hundred and sixty-two