

What you should know about The Patriot Act:

What is the USA Patriot Act and Customer Identification Program?

All financial institutions are required by federal law to perform "due diligence when opening an account" by implementing a customer identification program. The following provisions of the U.S. Patriot Act are intended to facilitate the prevention, detection and prosecution of international money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Reasonable procedures must be implemented to verify the identify of any person seeking opening an account. Records of the information obtained to verify the person's identify must be maintained.

A person's identity on any list of know or suspected terrorist or terrorist organizations provided to the financial institution by any government agency must be determined.

Anyone wishing to open an account or add a signatory to an account must provide name, address, and for individuals: date of birth and an identifying number. For U.S. citizens, a taxpayer ID# is required. For non-U.S. citizens a taxpayer ID#, passport ID; alien ID card and country of issuance OR any other government-issued document evidencing nationally or residence and bearing a photograph or similar safeguard.