

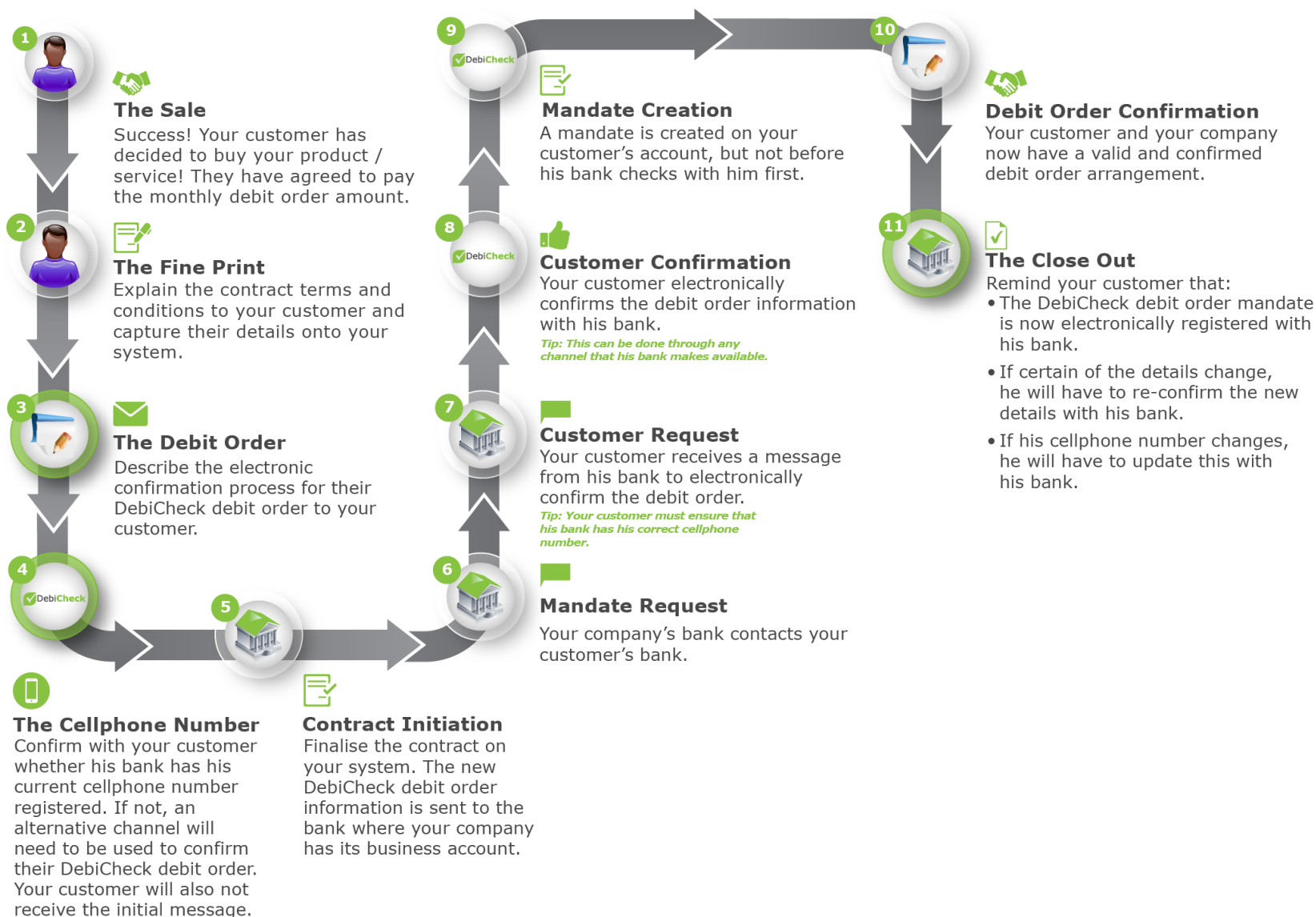
# DebiCheck Decoded

A guide on how to schedule your debit orders



# DebiCheck is...

An exciting new system in which customers now have to electronically confirm their debit order information with their bank before their account is debited. This will mean changes to the interactions you have with a customer.



## Our story...

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***DebiChecks are new debit orders electronically confirmed by you with your bank on a once-off basis, relating to a new contract that you have signed with a company.***

Most South Africans agree that debit orders are a convenient way to pay their accounts, as it saves them time and having to remember to make payments, thereby giving them peace of mind.

However, over the past number of years, debit order abuse has become a major issue in South Africa. There has been bad behaviour by some companies that process invalid debit orders to consumer bank accounts. In addition, there are consumers that avoid paying valid debit orders by unfairly disputing these with their banks. As a result, the Reserve Bank has asked PASA, which includes the South African banks, to find a solution.

This is why we are introducing DebiCheck. DebiChecks are new debit orders electronically confirmed by you with your bank on a once-off basis, relating to a new contract that you have signed with a company.

This means that, your bank will now know the details of what you have agreed to and will not allow your DebiCheck to be processed outside the terms that you have confirmed.

With DebiCheck, you will be in control. To help make DebiCheck work for you, you must ensure that your bank has your correct cellphone number.

DebiCheck will be launched from 2017 and rolled out in a phased approach over the next two to three years. Companies / service providers that choose to adopt DebiCheck, will do so over time and, therefore, not all your new debit orders will be affected at the same time. DebiChecks will also not replace your existing debit orders.



## List of banks that allow DebiCheck transactions

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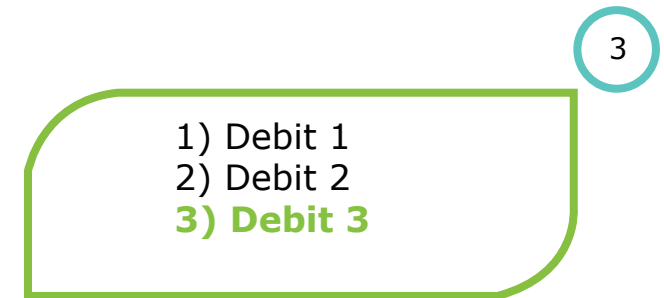
## **DebiCheck user guide**



**Step 1**  
Go to your nearest **FNB ATM**



**Step 2**  
Insert your card and **enter your PIN** to proceed



**Step 3**  
A list of debit orders will be displayed. **Select the debit order you wish to approve**



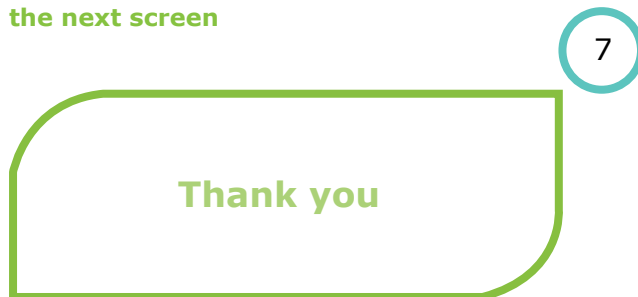
**Step 4**  
Information about the debit order will be displayed. **Select "More" to continue to the next screen**



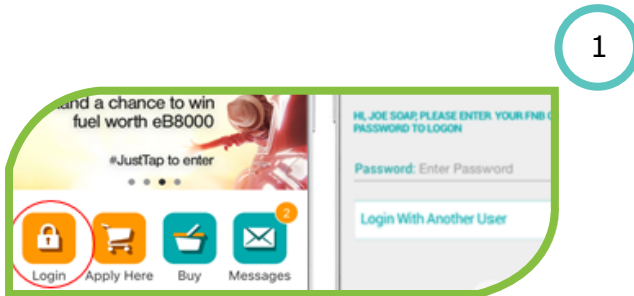
**Step 5**  
Once you are ready to accept the debit order, select **Approve**



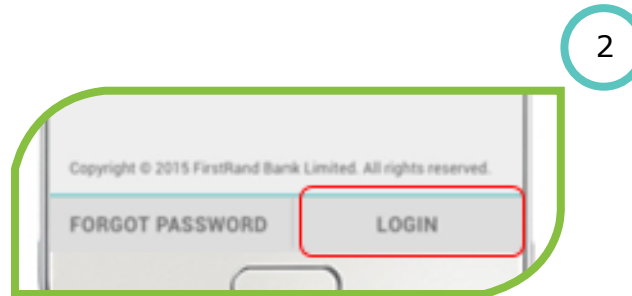
**Step 6**  
A summary of the debit order details will be displayed. **Select "Proceed" to accept the DebiCheck debit order request**



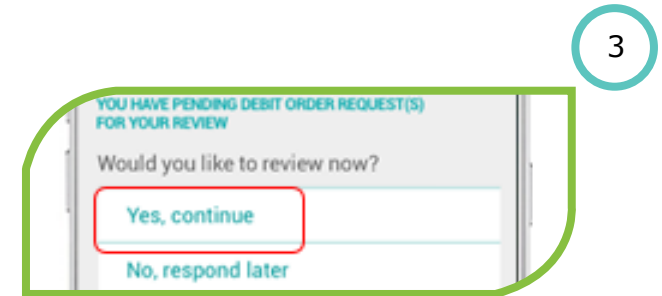
**Step 7**  
Debit order **will be accepted** and a Thank you screen will appear



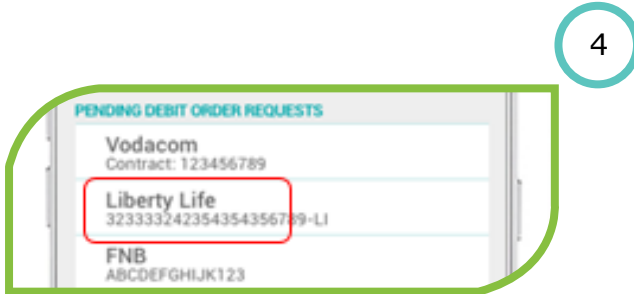
**Step 1**  
Launch the **FNB Banking App**



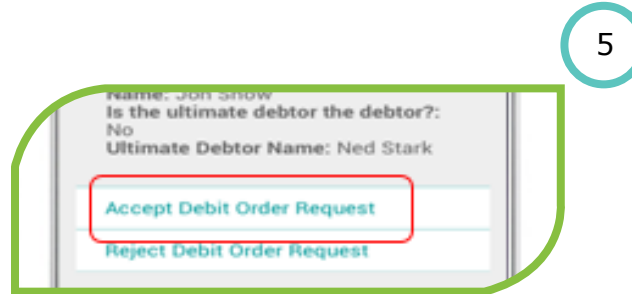
**Step 2**  
Select Login and **enter your Online Banking password** to proceed



**Step 3**  
**Pending notifications** will be displayed upon login



**Step 4**  
Select **"Yes, continue"** to review and select DebiCheck debit order requests



**Step 5**  
Once you have chosen the debit order you would like to approve, select **Accept Debit Order Request**



**Step 6**  
The debit order will be processed and a **confirmation screen will be displayed with the mandate reference number**

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**Step 1**

Receive an SMS notification from FNB stating **you have a mandate to approve**

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**Step 2**

Log into **Online Banking**

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**Respond****Step 3**

Click on the **"Respond"** button on the bottom right of the screen. If the Respond prompt does not take you to the debit order screen, **select "My Bank Accounts" tab** and **then select the "My Debit Orders" sub tab.**

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- 1) Mandate 1
- 2) Mandate 2
- 3) Mandate 3**

**Step 4**

All DebiCheck mandates will be displayed. **Click on "View Mandates"** to see more details

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**Step 5**

Select the **mandate you want to accept/reject**. Once you have selected the mandate, the mandate information will be displayed.

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**Accept****Step 6**

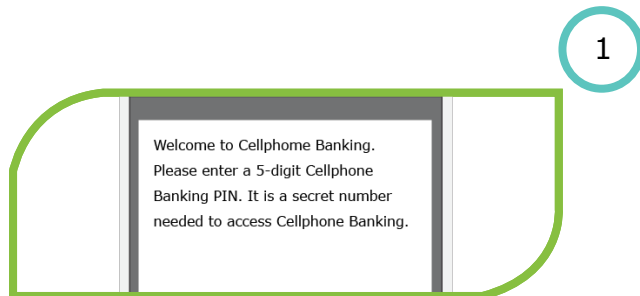
Once you have Accepted/ rejected the mandate, you will be requested **to open your banking app and follow the prompts.**

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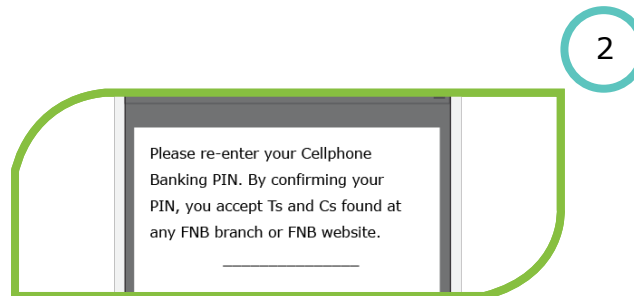
**Step 7**

A **Thank You screen** will appear with details of the mandate you chose to accept or decline

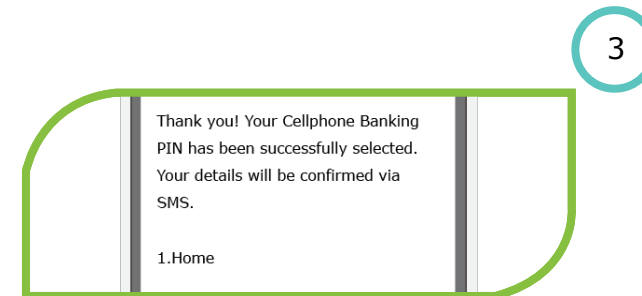


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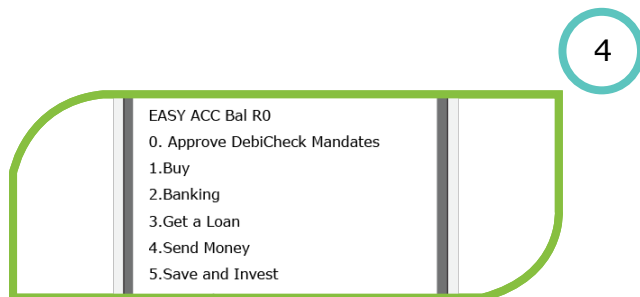
Dial the premium dial string **\*120\*321#**

**Step 2**

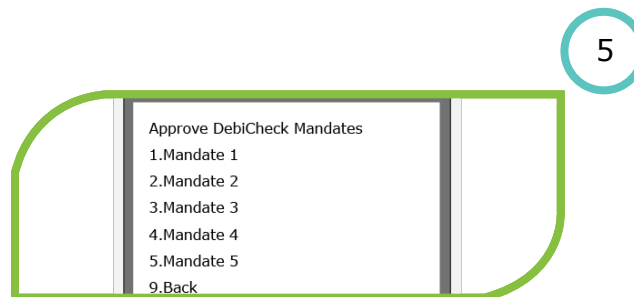
Enter **5 digit Cellphone Banking PIN**

**Step 3**

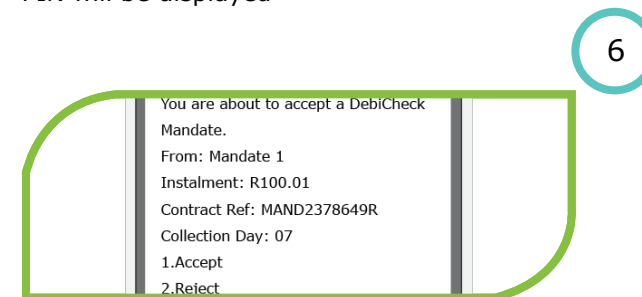
A **confirmation message** approving your PIN will be displayed

**Step 4**

Select the **option 0** to view DebiCheck mandates

**Step 5**

**Select the mandate** you want to accept or reject

**Step 6**

Details about the selected mandate will be displayed. **Select option 1 to accept the mandate and option 2 to reject**

**Step 7**

A **confirmation screen** will be displayed indicating your choice to accept or reject the mandate

# FAQs - Consumer focused

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## Q: What is DebiCheck?

**A:** DebiCheck is the name for a specific type of debit order. A DebiCheck debit order is one that you confirm, electronically on a once-off basis (at the start of your contract). Its purpose is for you to confirm the details of the debit order with your bank before it is processed to your bank account.

## Q: Who made this decision and why?

**A:** During the last couple of years debit order abuse has increased. On the one hand, there has been an increase in the number of debit orders being processed to consumers' bank accounts without their consent. On the other hand, consumers have increasingly been disputing debit orders which they actually have agreed to, mostly to manage their cash flow. For these reasons, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) decided to review the debit order landscape and during 2013 instructed the Payments Association (PASA) and the banks to address these issues. DebiCheck aims to address both of these issues by introducing electronic consumer confirmation for all DebiCheck debit orders.

## Q: What is the difference between DebiCheck debit orders and other debit orders?

**A:** DebiCheck debit orders are debit orders that you will confirm, electronically and on a once off basis. Its purpose is for you to confirm the details of the debit order with your bank before it is processed to your account. Other debit orders are not confirmed electronically, although you still need to have a valid mandate in place.

## Q: What does 'electronically confirm' mean?

**A:** To electronically confirm your debit order means that you confirm the details of your debit order on an electronic device such as your cellphone, your bank app, your personal computer or perhaps an ATM. Your bank will let you know which options are available for you to use.

## Q: Why the need to electronically confirm debit orders?

**A:** It ensures that you are in control of and aware of debit orders

being processed to your bank account. Additionally, it provides the company that you are dealing with, with the comfort of knowing that you have acknowledged and are aware of these debits orders. It also allows your bank to record the debit order information and to check the information before they process the debit order to your account.

## Q: Why is this important for me as a consumer?

**A:** DebiCheck puts you in control of the debit orders that you are able to confirm. You will have the comfort of knowing that DebiCheck debit orders must be processed within the agreed conditions that you have confirmed.

## Q: How is DebiCheck different from what we have now?

**A:** DebiCheck allows you to confirm the debit order information with your bank, at the start of the contract. This means that your bank will now have a record of all DebiCheck debit orders and will be able to verify the information before the debit order is processed to your account. Currently, banks do not have record of your debit orders and therefore cannot verify that the debit order information is correct before they process your debit order.

## Q: How will this new system and its related processes affect me?

**A:** DebiCheck will require an additional action from you – electronically confirming the debit order information with your bank. In many instances, your cellphone will be used for this confirmation, in which case you will need to make sure that your bank has your correct cellphone number. This is very important!

## Q: How often will I need to confirm my DebiCheck debit order?

**A:** You will only need to confirm your debit order information at the start of the contract. However, if the debit order information that you confirmed changes, your bank will ask you to confirm the new information.

# FAQs - Consumer focused

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## **Q: What do I need to do as a consumer?**

**A:** For existing debit orders – nothing. For new DebiCheck debit orders, you will need to check and confirm the new debit order information in the manner requested by your bank. This could either be in person (face-to-face), using online banking or your banking app or remotely by call centre or a request sent via your cellphone.

## **Q: What education will I receive as a consumer to ensure I understand the process?**

**A:** Your bank will have information handy to assist you with any questions you may have. You can also find more information on [www.debichек.co.za](http://www.debichек.co.za).

## **Q: Will all my debit orders have mandates?**

**A:** All debit orders processed against your bank account must have mandates, but may not necessarily be subject to DebiCheck confirmation. No debit orders can be processed to your bank account without a mandate.

## **Q: How can I ensure all my debit orders are mandated?**

**A:** It is important to remember that all debit orders must have mandates. Check your bank statement regularly to ensure you are aware of all debit orders that are being processed to your account. Also make sure that you have given a mandate for each of those debit orders. For DebiCheck debit orders, your bank will now also have an electronic confirmation of you agreeing with the debit order information of each mandate.

## **Q: Can I choose which debit orders must be electronically confirmed using DebiCheck?**

**A:** As a consumer, unfortunately not. Companies who use the debit order system choose whether they want to use DebiCheck, or not. If they choose to use DebiCheck, you will receive an electronic request to confirm the debit order information. If not, you just need to ensure you have a signed paper or telephonically approved (voice) recorded mandate.

## **Q: Why can't I use DebiCheck for ALL debit orders?**

**A:** This is definitely a long term goal for the South African Reserve Bank and the Payment Association of South Africa. Unfortunately, due to the number of debit orders and entities involved in these processes, this will have to be done in a phased approach.

## **Q: How do I know that the company that is debiting my bank account is part of the new system?**

**A:** Debit orders requiring electronic confirmation with your bank are called DebiCheck debit orders. You can enquire from the company that your debit order is with, whether or not they are part of the DebiCheck system. If you are not required to electronically confirm the debit order information with your bank, at the start of your contract, the company that you are dealing with is not using DebiCheck for this debit order.

## **Q: What bank fees are associated with DebiCheck debit orders?**

**A:** For more information on bank fees, please contact your bank directly.

## **Q: What are the telecommunication / cellphone costs associated with DebiCheck?**

**A:** Telecommunication / cellphone costs will depend on a number of factors, for example whether you use the USSD option or your banking app to confirm the DebiCheck. It will also depend on your mobile network costs.

# Glossary

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## **Contract**

A contract is the legal document you sign with the company that you do business with. It sets out certain rights and obligations for each party (yourself and the company) specifically regarding the service the company provides or the goods that you buy.

## **Mandate**

A mandate is the permission that you give to a company to collect money from your bank account, without you having to make the payment every month.

## **Debit order information**

Debit order information is the specific information contained in the mandate that stipulates your account number, the amount and the date on which the debit order may be processed.

## **Debit Order**

A debit order is a facility that companies use to collect money from your bank account on a regular basis. Each debit order must have a mandate.

## **Checking**

This is when the bank's system compares the debit order information you confirmed with the debit order information they receive from the company.

## **Verifying**

This is when the bank's system compares the debit order information you confirmed with the debit order information they receive from the company.

## **Processing**

Processing is the term used when the debit order information goes through the bank's system, resulting in the money being taken from your account.

## **Electronically confirm**

To electronically confirm your debit order means that you confirm the details of your debit order on an electronic device such as your cellphone, your personal computer or perhaps an ATM.

## **Service Provider**

This is the company you have a contract with, for example the gym.

## **USSD**

Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) is a technology that allows a person to access various services through the use of short codes. It usually consists of number that start with \* and end with #.

## **SARB**

South African Reserve Bank

## **PASA**

Payments Association of South Africa