HOW TO FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND SORT CODE

1. get your NINO

2. remember the year your NINO was issued (when you turned 16, or when you applied for it at a job centre if you migrated into the UK)

3. remember the city where your NINO was issued (try nearby city where you lived when 16, or at birth, or if you migrated and applied for NINO, it would be the city you had your interview at in job centre)

BANK ACCOUNT

- bank account consists of 8 numbers

- first two are the year NINO was issued (if issued in 1982, then your bank account starts with number 82)

- last six are the numbers from your NINO

SORT CODE

- accounts are located at RBS - royal bank of scotland

- branch - the city where your NINO was first issued

- to find all possible sortcodes for your branch: [http://bank-code.net/uk-sort-code/bank/the-royal-bank-of-scotland-plc](http://bank-code.net/uk-sort-code/bank/the-royal-bank-of-scotland-plc) (chose show 100 entries on the left, and search for your city on the right and press enter)

- for some accounts, sort code 60-70-80 also works (nat west)

- santander - these codes work for some also
CHECK ACCOUNT NUMBER AND SORT CODE COMBINATION

- put your account number and put in the sort codes one by one here 
  https://www.sortcodes.co.uk/

- press validate, if you see error message, chose different sort code and repeat until you get validation details (even if you get validation report, you might want to try a few more sort codes until you find one that gives you all 5 payment methods as allowed on the validation report) - if you try too many combination, you will eventually get “try again tomorrow” message, so try again tomorrow :)

WHAT’S THE NEXT STEP? Please let others in the group know you were able to pair your number with proper sort code, and also your developments with paypal.

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I have also thought of simply registering that account with RBS digital. You have to apply online and then (since you don’t have a debit card from that account) you have to print a form and send it to them. Here’s the set up link: 
http://personal.rbs.co.uk/personal/ways-to-bank/digital-banking.html (click “set up digital banking” under the login)

Fill it in except for the debit card part (which isn’t mandatory). It will probably return it as “our records do not match information you entered, please check” or something like that. Just ignore and confirm again. A page will come up that you have to print and sign (OF COURSE in capital letters lol). Let us know how you do!

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