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Branches of ING is located in Nimy, a small suburb of Mons and BNP Parisbas Fortis in Jurbise. Aion is situated within TOP SHAPE, (100 area). English is spoken at all and you can book an appointment to open an account online. You will need with you your Belgium I.D, your tenancy agreement, passport and National insurance number. The NSE will provide alternative document if your Belgium ID is not yet available to confirm your Belgium residence.

There are two cash points in SHAPE, one situated in the 101 building and one next to the Ration item store (area 500). Cash back also available when making a purchase in Carrefour in 500 area.

UK Credit/Debit Cards & withdrawing cash

Most UK credit/debit cards are accepted in large retail outlets, petrol stations, hotels and restaurants but you should check prior to purchase.

Cash can be withdrawn from UK accounts at British Post Office (building 309) no charges. It is also possible to withdraw cash, with a UK credit/debit card, from a large network of cash point machines but a charge may be applied please check with your bank first.

Forces Fixed Rate (FFR)

The FFR is the rate at which sterling is converted to the local currency by the military

Legal Help

For UK matters: The Law Society (of the respective jurisdictions: England and Wales or Scotland or Northern Ireland) maintains a list of solicitors by location and subject area. The lists can be accessed via the respective Law Society website.

England and Wales <http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/>

Scotland <https://www.lawscot.org.uk/find-a-solicitor/>

Northern Ireland <https://www.lawsoc-ni.org/solicitors>

Military applicants wishing to instruct a Northern Ireland based solicitor should also contact their J2 Security Cell for a list of approved Northern Ireland law firms

Once you return to the UK, you will need to instruct a civilian solicitor.

For Overseas matters: Guidance on overseas lawyers can be obtained from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's (FCO) published List of Lawyers Abroad.

www.gov.uk/government/collections/list-of-lawyers

Where a territory is not specified in the FCO's list, Army personnel should contact the in-country Army HQ for guidance on local lawyers.

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