You can open a federally insured Navy Federal certificate for as low as $5. With flexible terms that range from 3 months to 7 years and fixed- or variable-rate options, you’re sure to find a certificate that fits your savings goals. Generally, certificates with longer terms and higher minimums earn higher dividend rates (set by Navy Federal’s Board of Directors). With fixed-rate certificates, the dividend rate remains constant for the entire term. Dividend payments are credited monthly and may be withdrawn without penalty at any time.

We offer $1,000, $20,000 and $100,000 minimum certificates. We also offer short-term options for 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, and long-term options for 3, 5 and 7 years. With these choices, you may consider laddering your certificate. Laddering is an excellent way to ensure that you earn the best rate possible and have liquidity when needed. It allows you to control the terms while getting the liquid availability you want.

For example, instead of opening one 7-year term certificate for $25,000, open 5 certificates for $5,000 each for 12 months, 24 months, 3 years, 5 years and 7 years. Then, if you don’t need the money from the certificate when it matures, upgrade to a higher-rate, 7-year term certificate.

OTHER CERTIFICATES

SaveFirst Account
Our SaveFirst Account is completely customizable. Choose when you want it to start, when you want it to end (from 3 months to 5 years) and even its name. Just start with a $5 minimum deposit in any amount at any time.

EasyStart™ Certificate
We offer EasyStart Certificates with available terms of 6, 12, 18 or 24 months, and all have an affordable $50 minimum. Additional deposits can also be made in any amount at any time.

Purchasing Certificates
You may purchase Navy Federal Certificates with one owner or jointly. To purchase one, go to navyfederal.org, call 1-888-842-6328 or visit a branch. Once purchased, Navy Federal will provide you with a confirmation notice, and all account activity will appear on your online banking statement or on your quarterly paper certificate statement.

Dividends
Dividends on Navy Federal certificates are compounded daily and credited monthly. They’re posted to the account on both the last business day in the period in which they’re earned and at maturity. Dividends that have been credited are available for withdrawal anytime without penalty. You can request to have the dividends remain in your certificate account, have them automatically transferred to your Navy Federal savings account, checking account, or Money Market Savings Account on the first of the month, or have them sent to you in the form of a check.

Please note: By leaving the dividends in the certificate, you receive the highest yield, due to daily compounding. Dividends are reported for tax purposes in the year in which they’re credited. The crediting of dividends (and other applicable transactions) appears on your online or paper statement.
**Certificate Renewal**
Once your certificate matures, you can withdraw the money or renew it. Approximately 20 days before your certificate matures, Navy Federal will send you a notice advising you of the certificate’s maturity date and the renewal terms available. We’ll automatically renew your certificate for the same term and at the current dividend rate unless you provide us with instructions through online banking, by mail or phone, or in person at a branch. For current rate information and to renew a certificate, call 1-888-842-6328 or go to navyfederal.org.

**Early Redemption**
All certificates can be redeemed early. However, early withdrawals have penalties:
- **Certificates with a 1-year term or less:** Forfeiture of all dividends on the amount withdrawn for 90 days or from the date of purchase or renewal (whichever is less).
- **Certificates with a term greater than 1 year:** Forfeiture of all dividends on the amount withdrawn for 180 days or since the date of purchase or renewal (whichever is less).
- **Certificates with a term of 5 years or greater:** Forfeiture of all dividends on the amount withdrawn for 365 days or since the date of purchase or renewal (whichever is less).

If, after the requested withdrawal, the remaining certificate balance is lower than the minimum balance requirements, the certificate will be closed and subject to penalties.

In accordance with Federal Reserve Regulation D, withdrawals made within the first 6 days of opening a new certificate (not renewed) are subject to a 7-day early withdrawal dividend penalty.

**Insurance on Certificates**
Your certificates and other share accounts are federally insured for up to $250,000. Share insurance coverage is provided by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an independent government agency that charters, regulates and insures federal credit unions. Joint accounts are insured for up to $250,000 by the NCUA. For more information, visit navyfederal.org and search for the “Insurance on Your Savings” brochure (NFCU 1116e), or check your quarterly Certificate Statement of Account.

**Certificate Pledged Loans**
Navy Federal’s Certificate Pledged Loan program allows you to use the funds in your Navy Federal certificate as collateral to secure a low-rate loan that can be used for any purchase. You may borrow up to 100% of your certificate’s principal plus paid dividends, and funds in your certificate will continue to earn dividends. The interest rate on your Certificate Pledged Loan is just 2 percentage points above the dividend rate on your certificate.

The following accounts aren’t eligible:
- EasyStart Certificates
- SaveFirst Accounts
- Custodial accounts
- All IRA/ESA accounts

Each certificate may have a maximum of 1 loan.

To open a certificate or to learn more, visit navyfederal.org.