

Can You Write a Check to Yourself?

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You may have heard of this before. Someone writing themselves a check. But doing this seems strange since the money is already yours.

So, can you write a check to yourself? Why would anyone want to, and has it been done before?

Yes, you absolutely can write a check to yourself, and you can cash it, too. After all, Jim Carrey famously wrote a 10 million dollar check to himself and, many years later, cashed it.

Read on to learn how to write a check to yourself correctly.

Can I cash a check that I write to myself?

You just need to write out the check from yourself and then to yourself. After it's written, you can cash it at a financial institution, usually a bank, as long as you have the funds.

There are some other places you could cash it, as well. Some places like Walmart might let you cash it or additional check cashing places. It will depend on their policies and rules.

How big of a check can I write myself?

There isn't a set limit on how large of a check you can write to yourself or anyone else but the specific place that you cash it may have its own regulations. So know in advance if there are rules.

One obvious thing is that you can't cash a larger check than the amount you have in your bank account. So don't write yourself a check larger than the funds you have available.

It's also worth noting that any significant amounts of money may take a bit of time to get to you. Larger checks might have a holding period after you deposit them.

How to write a check to myself?

It's a pretty simple process. Same as writing one to anyone else.

Fill out your check in [the usual manner](#), and then put your own name on the "pay to the order of" line. This is because you're giving yourself the money, technically. There's nothing else to it.

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Can I write a check to myself from one bank account to another?

Yes, and moving your money from one bank account to another is the primary reason

