# **Cost Analysis Of Banking Transactions In The Digital Age**

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

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Given the importance of banking in socio-economic life, banking institutions need to be well managed and developed so that their role is effective. Viewed from the point of view of institutional economics, efficiency can be measured by the amount of transaction costs that arise when carrying out transaction activities. The

amount of transaction costs reflects the institutional design made by the banking institution. The greater the transaction costs, the more inefficient the institutional design made by a banking institution.

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credit transactions, ex ante costs are related to the adverse selection phenomenon , while ex post costs are related to moral hazard .

Transaction costs in the banking industry can be measured, both from the demand side and the supply side. From the demand side, transaction costs can be calculated by identifying the variables that are thought to affect the level of customer transaction costs (Supranoto, 2002:34). From the supply side, banking transaction costs can be calculated by tracing additional costs that arise as determinants of credit prices.

In a credit transaction, it is almost impossible for a bank to only want a price of funds equal to the cost of funds . So there are various additional components (read: costs) that are considered by banks in determining credit prices. These additional costs are identified as transaction costs. Overhead costs are a component of transaction costs. A new credit transaction can be said to be complete when the borrower has paid off all the loans, both principal and interest. Consequently, monitoring costs are required to assess and maintain borrower compliance. Administrative costs for the validity of the credit contract in the eyes of the law. Advertising and promotion costs ( searching costs ) to market credit. In an effort to maintain the trust of lenders and investors, audit fees are required to be carried out by an independent institution. All of these cost components are part of bank overhead costs, so it can be said that overhead costs include variable transaction costs.

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natural for banks to also want to earn a profit from their investments. The expected profit of this bank is related to the opportunity costs of the funds owned by the bank. In general, banks will disburse credit if there is an incentive in the form of profit whose value is higher than investment in securities. The risk premium variable includes the transaction cost variable. Credit transactions are usually filled with uncertainty that allows for various risks to arise. The Bank compensates for this risk in the form of a risk premium. The more The limited information that banks have in assessing the loyalty of the borrower ( borrower ), the greater the risk premium that must be borne by the borrower. Of course this results in higher transaction costs.

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According to Triandaru and Budisantoso (2006:9), "the main function of banks is to collect funds from the public and channel them back to the public for various purposes or as a financial intermediary". More specifically, banks can function as agents of trust, agent of development, and agent of services : First, agent of trust is trust, both in terms of raising funds and distributing funds. People will want to deposit their funds in the bank if it is based on an element of trust. People believe that the money will not be misused by the bank, the money will be managed properly, the bank will not go bankrupt, and at the promised time the deposit can be withdrawn from the bank. Community economic activities in the sector real cannot be separated. The real sector cannot perform well if the monetary sector does not perform well. Bank activities in the form of collecting and distributing funds are indispensable for smooth running of economic activities in the real sector.

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Transaction costs are costs that are not included in the price of an item service (Saidah, 2018). emergence of transaction costs occurs because there is imperfect information (Ginting, Kusnadi and Pambudy, 2018) and limited access to information (Nilasari et al., 2019). Therefore, economic actors are faced incomplete information or information uncertainty (Firmansyah, 2021). Transaction costs are costs incurred other than production costs. The existence of transaction costs can increase the total costs incurred in a business. The high costs incurred by customers can result in smaller funds they can receive (Sultan and Rachmina, 2017).

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loans received, therefore transaction costs ultimately lead to inefficiency for customers, when it is not known in depth what customers have to spend to get credit. Because transaction costs cannot be eliminated but can be minimized. Minimizing transaction costs has benefits for customers.

Transaction costs when related to credit are resources needed to be paid by customers to banks to obtain loan services, and then return the money at a pre-agreed interest rate (Sharma et. al., 2017). Each bank has different transaction fee components, but in general banking transaction fees consist of the following components.

**Table 1 Components of Transaction Fees in Banking** 

No.	Transaction Fee Type
1.	Administrative costs (Administrative costs)
2.	( Monitoring Costs )
3.	Advertising and Promotional Costs ( Searching Costs )
4.	Lender Costs _

Source: Edited by the author in 2022

In table 1 above, it is a common transaction fee and must be paid by customers when using loan service facilities in banking which can be done at the beginning of the transaction or when paying off the loan as part of the overhead costs.

Is the transaction fee that must be paid by the customer only those listed in table 1, apparently not. Table 1 is a component of transaction costs that are official or carried out by banks. There are still other transaction costs that must

be paid by customers which the authors call transaction fees for the supporting sub-system or according to Hosen and Arif (2014), transaction costs outside the bank.

subsystem transaction costs are needed by prospective customers and customers, because they support transactions so that they can run effectively. The transaction costs for supporting subsystems can be seen in the table below.

**Table 2 Transaction Fees in Supporting Sub-Systems** 

No.	Transaction Fee Type
1.	Implementation Costs _

#### 2. (Monitoring Costs)

#### 3. (Information and Coordination Costs)

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Transaction costs in the supporting subsystems are in the form of: First, implementation costs are aimed at managing capital loan documents obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages, consumption costs in the form of eating/drinking and cigarettes, and transportation costs in the form of fuel. Second, Monitoring Costs are the costs that make the second major contribution. Monitoring costs are aimed at disbursing funds loan obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages, consumption costs in the form of eating/drinking and cigarettes, and transportation costs in the form of fuel. Third, Information and Coordination Costs aims to find information on capital loans obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages and transportation costs in the form of fuel.

The increase in transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems, reduced the net capital received. Therefore, transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the sub-system, ultimately lead inefficiency for customers, when it is not known in depth what customers have spend to get credit. Because transaction costs cannot be eliminated but can be minimized. Minimizing transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the sub-system has benefits for customers.

Based on the discussion about transaction costs, both transaction costs

at banks and transaction costs outside the bank or transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems, further analysis can be given that transaction costs at banks are more oriented to the concept of transaction costs or transaction costs because contracts are made between customers and banks. Meanwhile, transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems are more oriented to imperfect information or not being taken into account or imperfect information .

#### V. CLOSING

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the discussion, it can be concluded that transaction costs in banking are not only transaction costs carried out at banks which include: administrative costs ( administrative costs ), monitoring costs ( monitoring costs), advertising and promotion costs ( searching costs ), and trust fees. depositor (lender costs) the amount of which is based on the agreement in the contract agreement. However, there are other transaction costs that must be paid by customers in supporting the process at the bank, which the authors call transaction costs in the supporting subsystems which include: implementation costs , monitoring costs , information and coordination costs. and coordination costs ) which vary in amount (read: smaller, equal or greater than transaction costs at the bank) according to customer needs.

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It is difficult to identify transaction costs by customers, because customers are not aware that they have incurred other costs that were not considered previously, so that low transaction costs indirectly increase the loan obtained. The increase in transaction costs reduces the level of

loans received, therefore transaction costs ultimately lead to inefficiency for customers, when it is not known in depth what customers have to spend to get credit. Because transaction costs cannot be eliminated but can be minimized. Minimizing transaction costs has benefits for customers.

Transaction costs when related to credit are resources needed to be paid by customers to banks to obtain loan services, and then return the money at a pre-agreed interest rate (Sharma et. al., 2017). Each bank has different transaction fee components, but in general banking transaction fees consist of the following components.

**Table 1 Components of Transaction Fees in Banking** 

No.	Transaction Fee Type
1.	Administrative costs (Administrative costs)
2.	( Monitoring Costs )
3.	Advertising and Promotional Costs ( Searching Costs )
4.	Lender Costs _

Source: Edited by the author in 2022

In table 1 above, it is a common transaction fee and must be paid by customers when using loan service facilities in banking which can be done at the beginning of the transaction or when paying off the loan as part of the overhead costs.

Is the transaction fee that must be paid by the customer only those listed in table 1, apparently not. Table 1 is a component of transaction costs that are official or carried out by banks. There are still other transaction costs that must

be paid by customers which the authors call transaction fees for the supporting sub-system or according to Hosen and Arif (2014), transaction costs outside the bank.

subsystem transaction costs are needed by prospective customers and customers, because they support transactions so that they can run effectively. The transaction costs for supporting subsystems can be seen in the table below.

**Table 2 Transaction Fees in Supporting Sub-Systems** 

No.	Transaction Fee Type	
1.	Implementation Costs _	

- 2. (Monitoring Costs)
- 3. (Information and Coordination Costs)

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Transaction costs in the supporting subsystems are in the form of: First, implementation costs are aimed at managing capital loan documents obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages, consumption costs in the form of eating/drinking and cigarettes, and transportation costs in the form of fuel. Second, Monitoring Costs are the costs that make the second major contribution. Monitoring costs are aimed at disbursing loan funds obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages, consumption costs in the form of eating/drinking and cigarettes, and transportation costs in the form of fuel. Third, Information and Coordination Costs aims to find information on capital loans obtained through communication costs in the form of telephone calls/short messages and transportation costs in the form of fuel.

The increase in transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems, reduced the net capital received. Therefore, transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the sub-system, ultimately lead inefficiency for customers, when it is not known in depth what customers have spend to get credit. Because transaction costs cannot be eliminated but can be minimized. Minimizing transaction costs, especially transaction costs in the sub-system has benefits for customers.

Based on the discussion about transaction costs, both transaction costs

at banks and transaction costs outside the bank or transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems, further analysis can be given that transaction costs at banks are more oriented to the concept of transaction costs or transaction costs because contracts are made between customers and banks. Meanwhile, transaction costs in the supporting sub-systems are more oriented to imperfect information or not being taken into account or imperfect information .

#### V. CLOSING

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the discussion, it can be concluded that transaction costs in banking are not only transaction costs carried out at banks which include: administrative costs ( administrative costs ), monitoring costs ( monitoring costs), advertising and promotion costs ( searching costs ), and trust fees. depositor (lender costs) the amount of which is based on the agreement in the contract agreement. However, there are other transaction costs that must be paid by customers in supporting the process at the bank, which the authors call transaction costs in the supporting subsystems which include: implementation costs , monitoring costs , information and coordination costs. and coordination costs ) which vary in amount (read: smaller, equal or greater than transaction costs at the bank) according to customer needs.

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