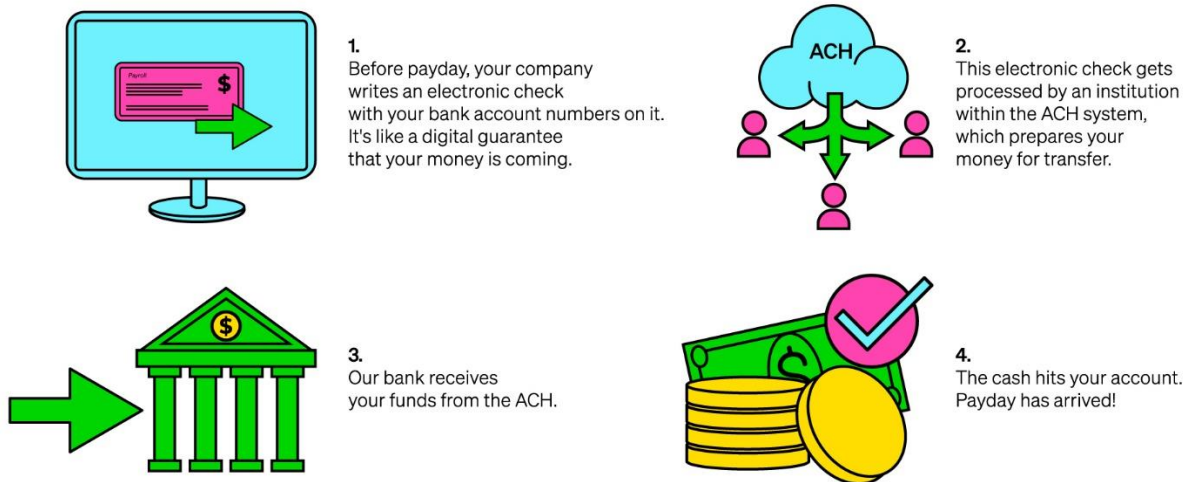


## How Does a Direct Deposit ACH Transfer Work?



Direct deposit is an electronic method where funds are transferred directly from a payer, like your employer, into your bank account through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network, essentially eliminating the need for physical checks; your employer provides your bank account details, and when a payment is due, your employer's bank sends the funds electronically to your bank, which then credits your account, making the money readily available for use.

### Key points about direct deposit:

- **Electronic transfer:**  
The money is moved electronically between bank accounts through the ACH network.
- **Payer initiation:**  
Your employer (or other payer) initiates the payment by providing your bank account information to their bank.
- **Bank processing:**  
The payer's bank sends the payment instructions to the ACH network, which then routes the funds to your bank.
- **Account crediting:**  
Once your bank receives the funds, they are credited to your designated account.

*Benefits of direct deposit:*

- Convenience: No need to physically deposit a check, saving time and effort.
- Faster access to funds: Money is usually available in your account much quicker than with a paper check.
- Security: Reduces the risk of lost or stolen checks.