

Borrowing Basics

FDIC Money Smart for Young Adults





Building: Knowledge, Security, Confidence

Objectives

- Define credit
- Explain why credit is important
- Identify three types of loans
- Identify the costs associated with getting a loan
- Tell how you are protected against discrimination in the lending process
- Identify the factors lenders use to make loan decisions
- Explain why it is important to be wary of rent-to-own and refund anticipation services

Borrowing Basics











Credit

- What is credit?
 - It is the ability to borrow money
- Having good credit makes it easier to borrow money in the future





Why is Credit Important?

Credit:

- Can be useful in times of emergencies
- Is more convenient than carrying large amounts of cash
- Allows you to make a large purchase (e.g., a car or house) and pay for it over time
- Can affect your ability to obtain employment, housing, and insurance based on how you manage it

Collateral



Collateral is:

- Security you provide the lender
- An asset (e.g., a car, home, or savings account)
- A guarantee is:
 - A form of collateral
 - For example: having a cosigner on a loan



Types of Loans

- Credit cards
 - Give you the ongoing ability to borrow money



- Consumer installment loans
 - Allow you to pay the same amount each month in installments for a set period of time



Activity 1: Installment Loan versus Rent-to-Own Services

Complete Activity 1 in your Participant Guide

- Break into 2 groups
- Read through your section of material
- List and describe 5 reasons to choose your payment method



Home Loans

- Home purchase loans
- Home refinance loans
- Home equity loans



Value of home

\$250,000.00

Minus debt

-\$200,000.00

Equity

\$50,000.00



Activity 2: Types of Loans

Complete Activity 2 in your Participant Guide

- Read the description of the purchase to be made
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate loan type(s) for that purchase



Cost of Credit

Fees

- Charge for activities (e.g., reviewing your loan application and servicing the account)
- Interest
 - Charge for using financial institutions money
 - Fixed rates





Truth in Lending Disclosures

- The Federal Truth in Lending Act:
 - Requires banks to disclose charges so you can compare the actual cost of borrowing
- Lenders must disclose:
 - The amount financed
 - Annual Percentage Rate (APR)
 - Finance charges
 - Total payment

Activity 3: Borrowing Money Responsibly

Complete Activity 3 in your Participant Guide

- Answer each question
- Be prepared to explain your answers



Equal Credit Opportunity Act

This act:

- Prohibits discrimination during the loan application process
- Restricts lenders from requesting certain information
- Requires the lender to notify you in writing, within 30 days, if you have been approved or denied the loan



The Four Cs

Capacity

Collateral

Character

Gapital



Capacity

- Refers to your ability to meet payments:
 - How long have you been working at your job?
 - How much money do you make each month?
 - What are your monthly expenses?





Capital

- Refers to the value of your assets and net worth:
 - How much money do you have in your checking and savings accounts?
 - Do you have investments (e.g., stocks, bonds) or other assets (e.g., a car)?



Character



- Refers to how you paid your bills or debts in the past
 - Have you had credit in the past?
 - How many credit accounts do you have?
 - Have you ever filed for bankruptcy, had property repossessed, or made late payments?



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Collateral

- Refers to property/assets used to secure the loan
 - Do you have assets to secure the loan beyond your capacity to pay it off?





Barriers to Borrowing Money

- Making late payments
- Filing for bankruptcy
- Having property repossessed or foreclosed on because you cannot make the payments
- Having a court order requiring you to pay money to the lender



Legal Terms for Debt Actions

- Attachment
- Bankruptcy
- Collection account
- Foreclosure
- Garnishment
- Judgment
- Lien
- Repossession





Activity 4: Borrowing Barriers

Complete Activity 4 in your Participant Guide

- Reach each scenario
- Indicate which of the Four Cs are affected by each of the barriers to borrowing money



Activity 5: Loan Applications

Complete Activity 5 in your Participant Guide

- Review each section of the Uniform Residential Loan Application
- Match the required information with the appropriate C:
 - Capital, Collateral, Character, and/or Capacity



Credit Report

- A credit report tells lenders:
 - Who you are
 - How much debt you have
 - Whether you have made payments on time
 - Whether there is negative information about you in public records



Activity 6: John Q. Consumer

Complete Activity 6 in your Participant Guide

- Review the sample credit report
- Use the report to answer the questions about John's credit history



Catch Phrases of Abusive Lenders

"125 percent of your home/car's value"

"Incredibly low monthly payment"

"No upfront fees"

"Even if you have a bad credit history..."

"It is free and you have nothing to lose"





Predatory Lending Practices

- To guard against predatory lending:
 - Deal with reputable loan providers
 - Shop around to obtain the best terms
 - Read and understand all terms and conditions
 - Ensure you can afford and make payments according to the loan terms



True Cost of Alternative Financial Services

- Rent-to-own services
- Payday loan services
- Refund anticipation services





Rent-to-Own Services

- Allow you to use the item while you make monthly or weekly payments
 - The store owns the item until you make your final payment.
- Are generally more expensive than a consumer installment loans





Payday Loans

Short-term loans (usually up to 2 weeks) that can be costly

Loan Term	Fee	You write a check for:
2 weeks	\$30	\$230



Refund Anticipation Loans

- Short-term loans secured by your expected income tax refund
- Consider electronically filing (efile) your tax return and request direct deposit instead





Module Summary











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Congratulations! You learned about:

- Credit and what "good" credit means
- Types of loans
- The cost of credit and the cost of using non-loan services
- How lenders make credit decisions

