

WISE USE OF CREDIT



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AGENDA TODAY WE WILL ANSWER THESE BIG QUESTIONS . . .

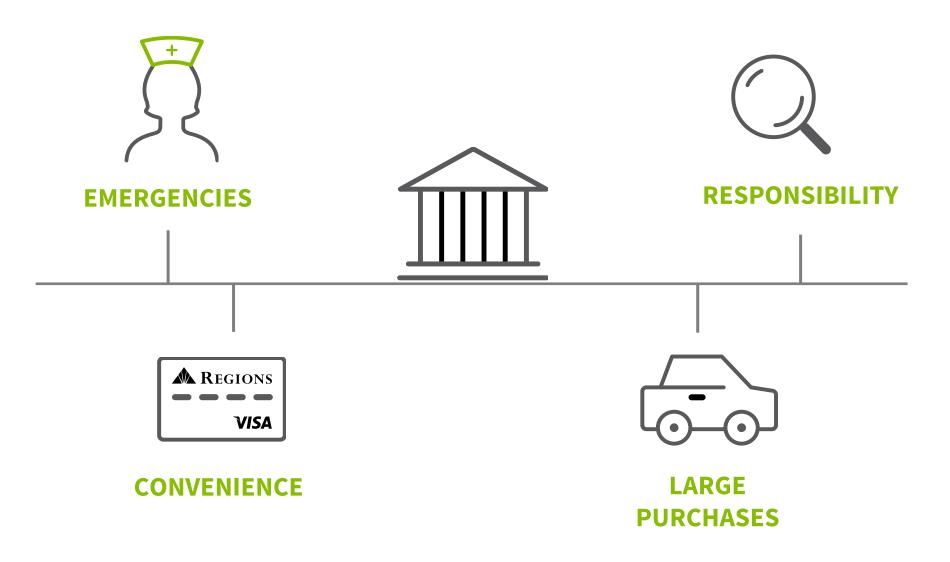
What is credit and why is it important?
How is your credit established?

3. What is a credit report and score?

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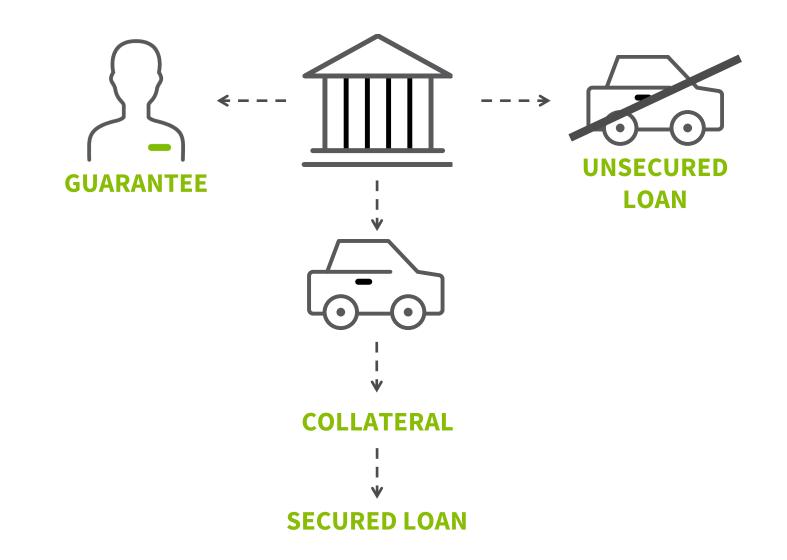
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TYPES OF LOANS

- Home
- Consumer installment
- Credit card





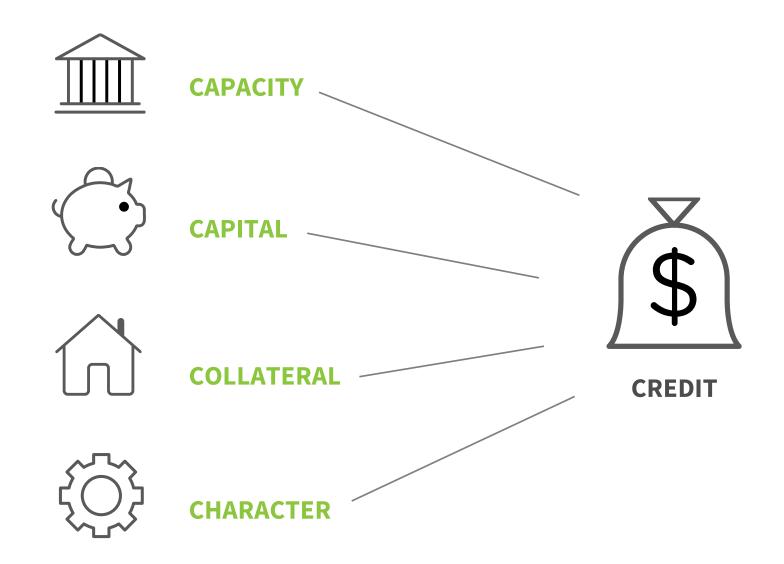


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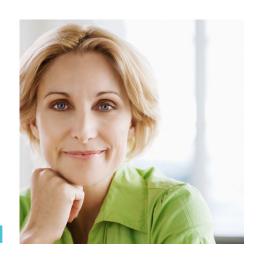




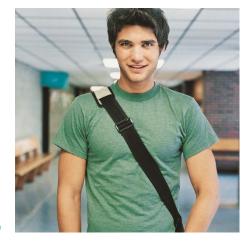
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YOU MAKE THE CALL





BOB



WENDY

JEAN



MIRANDA'S SON

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INFORM YOURSELF

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CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES





EQUIFAX







WHAT IS IN A CREDIT REPORT?

GETTING A LOAN



OTHER FACTORS INFLUENCING LENDERS



GETTING A LOAN



CREDIT REPORT USES

- To obtain loans and other credit
- To get certain kinds of jobs

- For housing (rental applications and mortgages)
- To obtain insurance





HOW MUCH OF A CREDIT RISK ARE YOU?

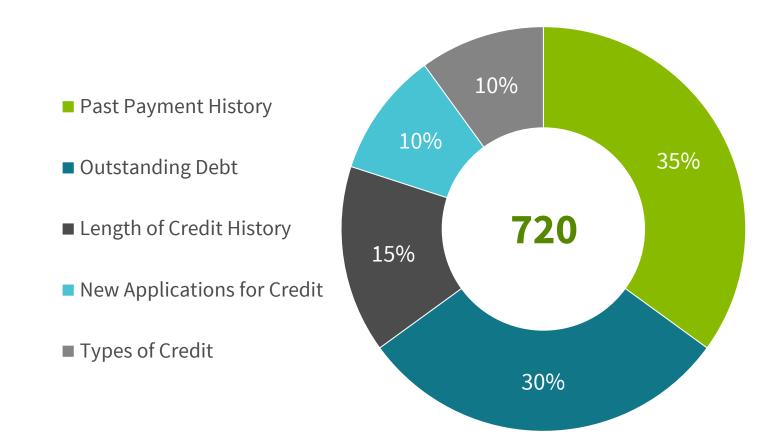


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WHAT MAY DETERMINE YOUR CREDIT SCORE?



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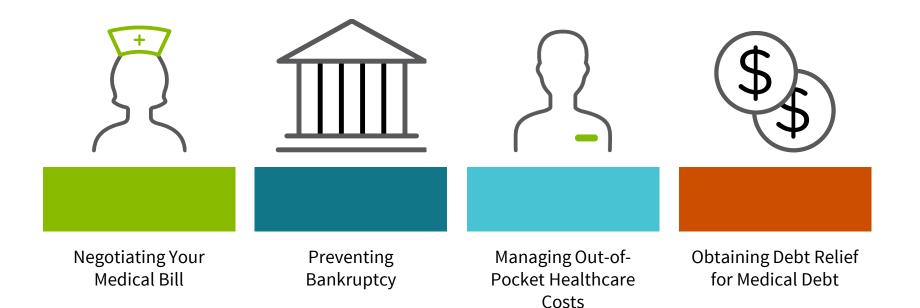
MEET CATHY

Cathy is 25, but has never had a credit card or a loan. Her credit history is almost nonexistent, except for an inquiry by her landlord when she rented her apartment.



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GETTING HELP

Credit Counseling Agencies

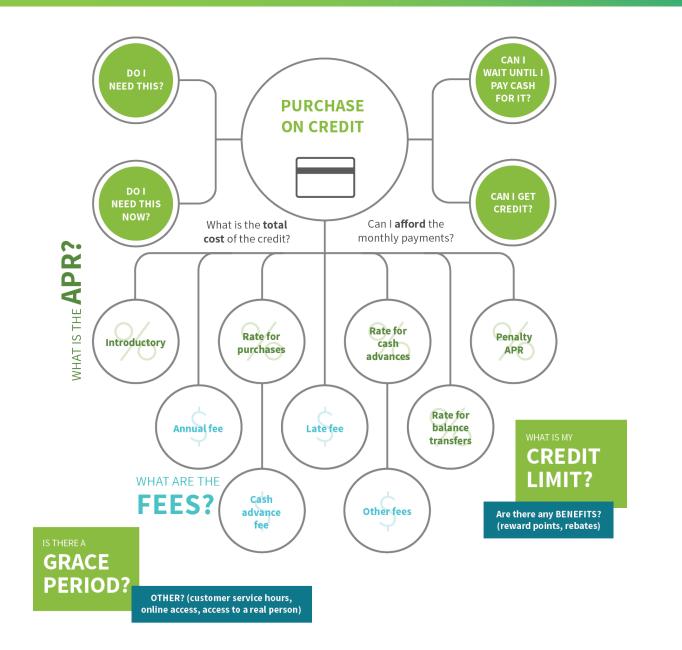
- Interview several companies before signing a contract
- Be sure they are reputable
- Ask questions about services, fees and a repayment plan





APPLYING FOR CREDIT





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CONGRATULATIONS TODAY, YOU WILL LEAVE WITH:

- A deeper understanding of credit and why it's important to have good credit
- Knowledge of terms related to credit and types of loans
- What's in a credit report and how it's used
- Advice to help you avoid credit repair scams

Thank you.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES





EXPLORE FOR MORE TIPS

Family Budgeting & Saving	SOLD Navigating Homeownership	Financial Literacy for Students	Retirement Saving & Planning
Saving For Your Next Vacation	Plan for the Holidays	Medical Financial Hardship	Next Step for Business

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