

BUILDING CREDIT





WHAT IS MY CREDIT SCORE/REPORT?

- **Credit score (FICO)** ranges from 300-850
 - Lower score, less financial options
 - Higher score, more financial options



- **Credit Reports:**

- Keep track of your credit activity
- Use your activity to formulate a score

3 credit reporting agencies:

1. Equifax
2. TransUnion
3. Experian

30%
Amounts Owed

10%
New Credit

FICO® SCORE

15%
Length of
Credit History

35%
Payment History

10%
Credit Mix

WHY DO YOU NEED GOOD CREDIT?

- Good to Excellent credit =
 - Higher possibility of loan approval
 - Potential lower interest rates
 - More loan options
- Employers have access and may review credit score
 - You may not be offered a job if your credit is low
 - This may portray you as a less responsible person
- Gives you more “financial freedom” as you get older
 - You control your money, it doesn’t control you

HOW DO YOU BUILD YOUR CREDIT?

- Pay ALL bills **ON TIME** and **IN FULL** each month!
 - Utilities, cell phone, etc
- Take out student loans
 - **ONLY** the amount you need
- Secure credit card with **LOW** spending limit
 - Pay off **IN FULL** and **ON TIME** each month



HOW TO BUILD YOUR CREDIT FASTER



**PAY EVERY BILL ON TIME,
EVERY TIME.**



**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR
CREDITORS. REACH OUT IF YOU'RE
HAVING TROUBLE PAYING.**



**DON'T USE ALL YOUR CREDIT.
KEEP YOUR BALANCE LOWER
THAN YOUR LIMIT.**



**DON'T APPLY FOR TOO MANY
CREDIT PRODUCTS AT ONCE.**

CREDIT VS DEBIT CARDS

CREDIT CARDS	DEBIT CARDS
Short term loan- have to pay back	Money directly tied to bank account
Set limit to spend- based on your credit profile	Can be used where credit cards are accepted
Pay interest if balance is NOT paid in full every month	No interest charges but may have fees
Fees may be assessed	Uses a PIN
Lower liability if lost or stolen	Higher liability if lost or stolen

RESOURCES

- [Credit Karma](#)



- [Nerd Wallet](#)

- [The Balance](#)

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