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Our Credit Builder Loan is a combination loan and savings program. The amount you borrow is deposited into your savings account for the term of the loan. As you make regular, on-time payments, you establish positive payment history that we report to your credit. After the loan is paid in full, you will have taken the first step in improving your credit hisotry and have money in your savings account for the future.



Understanding Your Credit Report

It's important to understand what types of information your credit report contains and how to read them. When you have good credit, it's easy to qualify for financing when you need it, whether it's a new car loan, a mortgage, or a credit card.

If you have bad credit, understanding your credit report helps you to identify the problem areas and work on improving them.

35 percent Payment History: Having a long history making of payments on time and no missed payments on all credit accounts is one of the most important items lenders look for.

30 percent Amount Owed: This measures the amount you owe relative to the total amount of credit available. Someone closer to maxing out all their credit limits is deemed to be a higher risk of late payments in the future and this can lower their credit score.

15 percent Length of Credit History: In general, a credit report containing a list of accounts opened for a long time will help your credit score. The score considers your oldest account and the average age of all accounts.

10 percent New Credit: Opening several new credit accounts in a short period of time can lower your credit score. Also multiple credit report inquiries can represent a greater risk, but this does NOT include any requests made by you, an employer or by a lender who does so when sending you an unsolicited, "pre-approved" credit offer. Also, to compensate for rate shopping, the score counts multiple inquiries in any 14-day period as just one inquiry.

10 percent Types of Credit in Use: Your mix of credit cards, retail accounts, finance company loans and mortgage loans is considered.

Boosting credit scores: Although you can't raise your score overnight, you can do so fairly quickly. The scoring formula gives more weight to recent activity. So, even six months of "good behavior" will have an impact, demonstrating that you have cleaned up your act.

Because payment history comprises the largest part of your FICO score, making a habit of paying bills and other payments on time is obviously going to have the largest positive impact.

However, the fastest way to improve your score is to pay down balances. This lowers the amount of credit you're using relative to how much credit you have available to you.

Use a smaller percentage of their available credit. Some people suggest never using more than 50 percent of your limit on any card.

Avoid opening a lot of new accounts at once, particularly if you don't have a long credit history. Many recommend not having more than five credit cards. If you decide to close some credit accounts, close the newer accounts first. However, don't close more accounts than necessary because this lowers your ratio of debt to available credit.

MECO Federal Credit Union

Share Certificates

Minimum	Term	APR*	APY**
Deposit			
\$ 1,000	1 year	0.77%	0.77%

Contact the credit union for current rates. Rates are subject to change weekly. Early withdrawal will be subject to a 90 day dividend penalty.

*APR= Annual Percentage Rate

**APY= Annual Percentage Yield

Savings Rate

Dividend Period A.P.R.* A.P.Y.** 04/01/18-06/30/18 .15% .15%

Prospective Rate for

07/01/18-09/30/18 .15% .15%

on savings account fees and terms.

An average daily balance of \$25 must be maintained in order to earn the stated APY. Dividends are subject to change quarterly at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Contact the credit union for more information

Financial Statement

AS OF 06/30/18

Total Loans \$2,613,935 Total Shares/Savings \$4,729,265 Total Assets \$5,712,936 Total Accounts 940

Courtesy PAY PROGRAM

Q. What is Courtesy Pay?

A. Courtesy Pay is an overdraft service provided to members in good standing. Courtesy Pay covers transactions that would otherwise be denied or returned unpaid. It helps you avoid costly merchant fees and embarrassment while increasing convenience.

Q. What is the difference between Overdraft Protection and Courtesy Pay?

A. Overdraft Protection uses money from Savings, Investment Plus or a Line of credit in order to cover transactions if there are insufficient funds in your checking account. If those over draft protections are not adequate, then Courtesy Pay allows you to take your checking account balance negative in order to cover the transactions up to a predetermined limit.

Q. What types of transactions are covered by Courtesy Pay?

A. Your checks, ACH, Bill Pay, and debit card transactions.

Q. Am I required to opt in to Courtesy Pay?

A. Regulations require members to opt in to receive Courtesy Pay services for ATM and Check Card transactions.

Q. Is there a fee for Courtesy Pay?

A. There is no fee unless you use the service. There is a fee for each item paid through Courtesy Pay. The fee is the same as the standard NSF fee.

Q. How do I qualify for Courtesy Pay?

A. You must be 18 years of age or older, a member for a minimum of 90 days, and in good standing.

Q. How many overdrafts can I have?

A. There is no limit to the number of overdrafts you can have with Courtesy Pay. Your over draft transactions (including any fees incurred) may be covered up to your authorized protection limit.

Q. What happens if I reach my Courtesy Pay limit?

A. Overdrafts that go beyond your Courtesy Pay limit may result in items being returned unpaid.

O. How long can my account balance stay negative if I use Courtesy Pay?

A. You must bring your account balance positive within 30 calendar days, or upon demand. If you are having difficulty bringing your account current, contact us immediately.

Q. Can I lose my Courtesy Pay protection?

A. Yes, Courtesy Pay is a privilege that can be revoked if your account is no longer in good standing or if any overdrawn amounts are not paid in full.

Find the Courtesy Pay form online at:

www.mecofcu.coop

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IMPORTANT DATES:

July 4th: Independence Day
Office Closed
September 3rd: Labor Day
Office Closed

Summer Skip-A-Payments

JULY 15th - August14th



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Online Bill Pay

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Hate that pile of bills?
Pay them all online for free.
Bill Pay is fast, simple and safe.
You don't need to write checks,
lick and stamp envelopes and
rush to the mailbox. Bills are paid
with just a few clicks on your
computer.



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