

Loans – your questions answered

What paperwork will I need to produce if application is successful?

All new applicants, or applicants who've paid off a previous loan over three months ago must supply;

- **A tenancy agreement (including landlord details)/most recent mortgage statement**
- **A utility bill or letter from a government agency dated in the last two months**
- **Bank statements/post office account statements covering the last two months**
- **Proof of *all* income – e.g. 3 x wage slips, a benefits letter (dated in the last 3 months) and/or tax credits notification**

Current borrowers or those having paid off a loan within the last three months need only supply confirmation of current address and bank statements. If we require further information we will request it.

How much can I borrow?

If you are already a member of the Credit Union and have been saving for at least 10/12 weeks you can apply to borrow three times your savings, i.e. if you have £100 saved up you may apply to borrow £300. If you aren't already a member or haven't been saving regularly for 10/12 weeks, you can still apply to borrow between £50 and £500. You will need to join the Credit Union if your loan application is approved.

Please note that if your weekly income is below £100 we are unlikely to lend to you. You may want to approach the DWP for a Budgeting Loan. Terms & conditions apply to all our loans. Please ask for details.

Are there things I can't borrow money for?

We do not lend to people who are currently bankrupt, those who have a Debt Relief Order, those in the process of going bankrupt or those in the process of applying for a Debt Relief Order. We do not lend for court fines.

How do you decide whether I can have a loan?

The most important issue for the Credit Union is to make sure that the loan is affordable. A problem with repaying credit in the past may or may not affect your application but if you fail to tell us something that a search with a credit reference agency later reveals we may refuse your application.

How long will a decision take?

We aim to give you an answer within 7 working days of receiving all relevant information about your application.

When can I 'top-up' my loan?

You may apply for another loan once 50% of the debt on your current loan has been paid off.

Can I withdraw my savings if I have a loan?

If you borrow against your savings they are held as security against your loan. As your loan balance reduces you may withdraw those savings that are no longer needed as security.