Is your Credit Score making the grade?



What you need to know to pass with flying colors.

If you're thinking about buying a home, you'll need to study up on the basics of your credit score.

5 key elements of your credit score* 35% 30% 15% 10% 10%

PAYMENT HISTORY

Do you make your payments on time?

TOTAL DEBT

How much of your available credit has been used?

LENGTH OF CREDIT HISTORY

How long have you had a credit history?

CREDIT MIX

Do you have more than one line of credit?

NEW CREDIT

Have you opened new credit recently?



Credit Score Study Guide

- Know the 5 key elements of your credit score (Hint: see above!)
- Understand that your credit score can affect your ability to qualify for a mortgage. Find out how at readynest.com
- Request your credit report annually to check it for accuracy. Get it at annualcreditreport.com
- Dispute any errors. Contact the credit bureau whose report has the mistake – online, by phone or by mail



Experian

TransUnion

Source: myFICO.com



GRADING SCALE

A 800+

P 740-799

C 670-739

580-669

F <580

HOW TO ACE THE FINAL EXAM:

- 1. Open new credit accounts sparingly
- 2. Maintain a history of responsible use
- 3. Pay down debt
- 4. Make payments on time
- 5. Diversify credit mix

AIM HIGH:

hoot for the best score

Looking for extra credit?

Here's the ultimate study guide: readynest.com/credit-reports



