



**Check it off**

When shopping for a loan, here are questions you can ask. Look for the lowest interest rate available and choose a short pay-back time on the loan or credit card.

# Checklist for loan buyers ✓

## Know what questions to ask when applying for loans

Must I provide collateral? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you default, collateral such as a car could be sold to pay off what you owe)

Is the interest rate fixed (won't increase or decrease)? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a balloon payment? \_\_\_\_\_  
(This is a large final payment that may be hidden in the contract.  
Be more wary if you have small, monthly payments.)

Is there a late fee and, if so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

If I can't make a payment, what can the lender do? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other loan fees? \_\_\_\_\_

Federal law requires the following disclosures on credit costs, even for payday loans. Fill in the boxes below for credit costs and payment schedule when loan shopping.

<b>Annual percentage rate</b> Cost of your credit as a yearly rate  <b>%</b>	<b>Finance charge</b> Dollar amount credit will cost you  <b>\$</b>	<b>Amount financed</b> Amount of credit provided to you  <b>\$</b>	<b>Total payments</b> Amount you will have paid after all payments are made as scheduled  <b>\$</b>
<b>My payment schedule will be:</b>			
<b>Number of payments</b>	<b>Amount of payments</b>  <b>\$</b>	<b>When payments are due</b>	



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