



Loan Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

Only members aged 18-79 may apply for a loan.

Loans will only be considered to members who have saved for a minimum of three consecutive months by standing order.

Interest

Interest will be charged at the rate agreed in your loan agreement. This will be 19.9% on loans under £1000, 14.9% on loans under £1000 and 7.9% on loans secured with shares (shares must be equivalent to, or more than the loan applied for, and no withdrawals will be allowed until the loan balance falls below the savings).

Application and Approval

A loan application form must be fully completed for all loans.

All loans are subject to approval and based on affordability and credit checks.

A loan agreement must be completed and signed prior to the payment of funds for all loans.

You must save a minimum of £10 per month on top of your loan repayment.

Loan Issue

The loan will be paid into your nominated bank account via BACS.

Loan Life Insurance

Loan Life Insurance is provided free for all members aged 18-79.

All members must be aware of the pre-existing medical condition clause that applies to any loan.

Repayment Terms

The maximum repayment period for loans is 60 months

Rejected Loans

All loans will be rejected if the above criteria are not met. If a member disagrees with the decision they must appeal in writing to The Board of Directors. The appeal will be discussed with a loan officer.

You will notify UNITY CREDIT UNION LTD (hereafter called the Credit Union) of any changes in financial or personal circumstances preventing you from making a loan repayment as agreed between yourself and the Credit Union and outlined in the Promissory Note. You understand that the Credit Union may, depending on your circumstances, allow you to renegotiate the repayment terms of the loan should you suffer a change in your financial circumstances. Notifications or negotiations of this sort must be done through the Credit Union's Loan Officers.

You will notify the Credit Union of any name change, change of address or a change of next of kin. You understand that should you change address without informing the Credit Union we will instruct our Debt Collection Agency to conduct a search of your whereabouts and that you will be charged for any costs incurred for that search.

You understand that should you miss more than two consecutive loan repayments without consultation or permission from the Credit Union, then the Credit Union reserves the right to periodically deduct any outstanding interest from your shares without prior notification and that, in doing so, the loan balance will not be reduced and the outstanding amount will still incur interest.

You understand that, in the event of your persistent non-payment of this loan, the Credit Union reserves the right to transfer all your savings (as appropriate) from any account you have within the Credit Union to pay off the loan and any outstanding interest, and that any remaining loan balance will be pursued, if necessary, through the courts and court costs and our solicitors fees will be added to the outstanding balance.

You understand that all costs incurred in pursuing non-payment of this loan will be added to your account and will increase the size of the amount outstanding.

You understand that the Credit Union will RIGOROUSLY pursue any non-payment of this loan and any non-payment could result in any of the following: having a County Court Judgement against you, Bailiffs attending your property, an attachment of earnings, a charge on your property, deductions at source from state benefits or other penalties that the law allows.

You agree that if you default on repayments, information about your loan may be passed onto the Department for Work and Pensions for their consideration of deductions from benefits that you are or will be entitled to.

You agree to hand your personal income and expenditure and other pertinent details to the Credit Union for checking as and when requested by the Credit Union and at the start of each loan application.