

## Credit Cards

Credit cards are used everyday by millions of people worldwide. In fact, probably more people rely on credit cards these days in the developed world than not. The choice of credit cards is staggering with banks, building societies and many retail outlets offering some sort of credit card to the consumer.

Using credit cards has its advantages as well as disadvantages for some. It pays to know upfront of what the terms of use are to avoid serious financial problems in the future. It is a sad fact that many young people seemingly obtain a credit card with ease only to find themselves in dire straits financially. Since nobody has shown them how to responsibly use a credit card they think it gives them the power to have a ready ATM at their disposal 24 hours every day, which is true.

This in fact is the downside of credit cards because if we cannot use them responsibly, they can ruin our financial future because interest rates on outstanding credit which hasn't been paid of in due time is very high. Sometimes up to 18% depending on the actual credit card provider.

But despite the seriousness of these facts, credit cards can be and are a fantastic tool for the responsible person, allowing us to actually save money. Since most credit cards have a credit free time span attached to them we can buy things now and pay for them much later. The 55 day credit free credit card is a great example of this as it allows us to buy something today on the card and pay it off for real from our savings 55 days later.

In reality this time span is often a little less as we would have to consciously wait for that day to buy things. The great thing is that during this time your savings will accumulate interest and therefore you will save money. Clever consumers know that by paying off their credit card in full every month they are taking the advantage given to them.

Credit cards are also very convenient as we can leave the house not having to worry about having cash in our pockets. Credit cards can buy us pretty much everything these days and we can even pay our monthly household bills with credit cards. Since they are unobtrusive we can travel slim.

From security perspectives credit cards are actually very secure, a lot more than cash. If our credit card gets stolen, we have at our disposal a 24 hour helpline from anywhere in the world, 7 days a week to report this and the issuing credit card provider will shut down our account immediately. Credit cards are a wonder of modern technology and if used correctly a great financial tool.