



HOW TO READ YOUR CREDIT REPORT

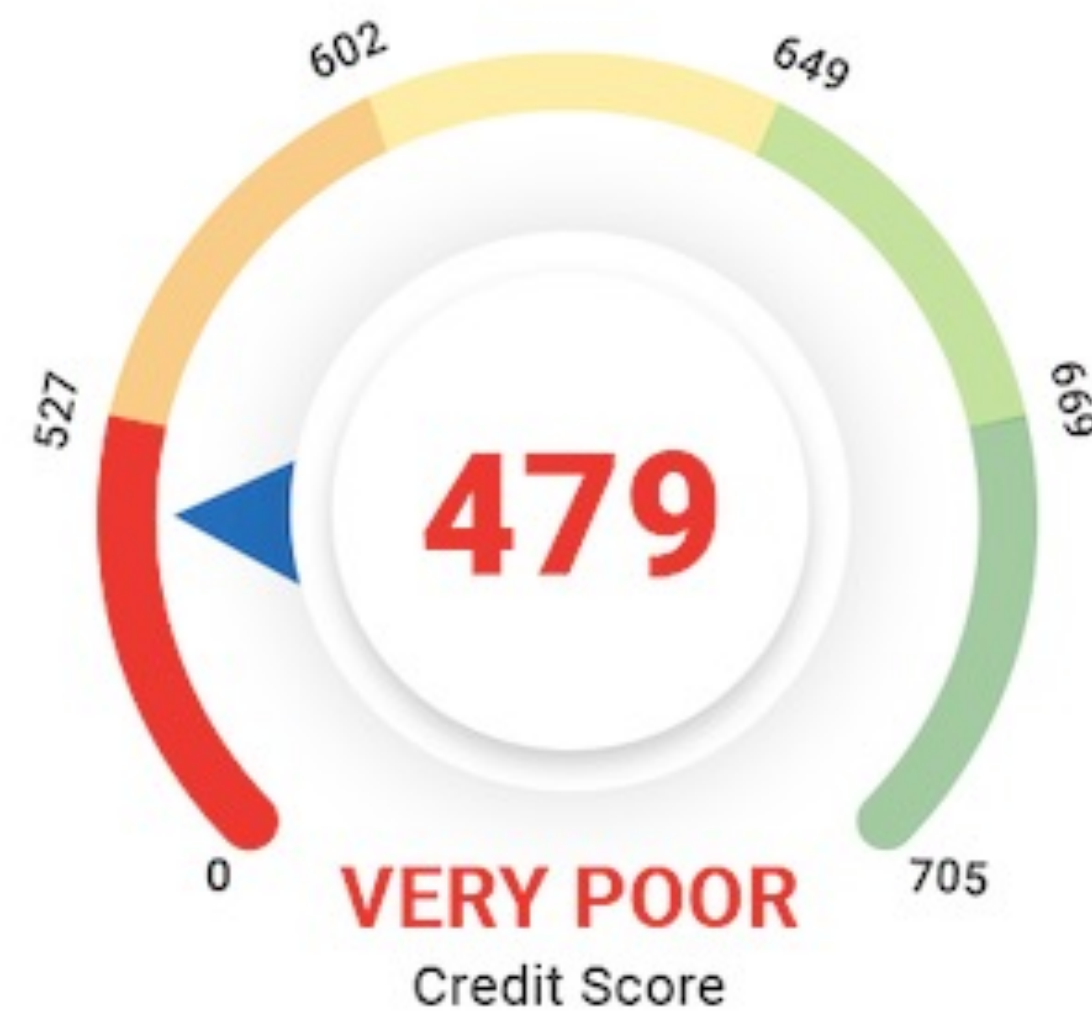
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WHAT WE WILL COVER:

- How your credit score is calculated
- What really matters on your credit report
- How to find errors
- What sections on your report to give attention to

CREDIT SCORE RANGES



■ 0 - 527	VERY POOR	■ 528 - 602	POOR
■ 603 - 649	FAIR	■ 650 - 669	GOOD
■ 670 - 705	EXCELLENT		

CREDIT CHECK SEARCH RESULTS

ADDRESSES	9
PHONE NUMBERS	10
EMPLOYERS	5
PREVIOUS ENQUIRIES	17
LOAN ACCOUNTS	1
OUTSTANDING LOAN VALUE	R 0.00
LOAN INSTALLMENTS	R 0.00
RETAIL ACCOUNTS	1
RETAIL ACCOUNTS VALUE	R 0.00
RETAIL ACCOUNTS INSTALLMENTS	R 0.00
JUDGEMENTS	1



HOW YOUR SCORE IS CALCULATED

- Payment History (40%)
- Amounts Owed (30%)
- Length Of Credit History (20%)
- New Credit & Inquiries (10%)



PAYMENT HISTORY (40%)

- Counts for 40% of your credit score
- Most important factor on your report
- Make sure you make payments on time
- Make sure you NEVER fall behind
- If you are going to fall behind, negotiate with creditor

EXAMPLE OF PAYMENT HISTORY

PAYMENT PROFILE ▲						
ACCOUNT PAYMENT HISTORY						
NEDCARD						
150+ AUG 17	150+ SEP 17	150+ OCT 17	150+ NOV 17	150+ DEC 17	150+ JAN 18	PAID UP FEB 18
150+ MAR 18	150+ APR 18	150+ MAY 18	150+ JUN 18	150+ JUL 18	150+ AUG 18	PAID UP SEP 18
150+ OCT 18	150+ NOV 18	150+ DEC 18	150+ JAN 19	150+ FEB 19	150+ MAR 19	150+ APR 19
150+ MAY 19	PAID UP JUN 19	- JUL 19				
BAYPORT FINANCIAL SERVICES						
OK AUG 17	OK SEP 17	ACCOUNT CLOSED OCT 17				

An example of what you don't want

This is what you want



AMOUNTS OWED (30%)

- How much of your credit you are using
- Your utilisation ratio should be below 30%
- Use your credit card debt responsibly
- Fixing utilisation ratio is the quickest way to increase your score



LENGTH OF CREDIT HISTORY (20%)

- How long your accounts have been opened
- First 6 months you get penalised for new accounts
- After 6 months your score starts increasing
- Closing old accounts/credit cards lowers your score
- Accounts 5 years older gets more points



NEW CREDIT & INQUIRIES (10%)

- Don't apply for new credit frequently
- Aim for soft inquiries and not hard inquiries



EXAMPLE

PREVIOUS ENQUIRIES 		
ENQUIRY DATE	BRANCH	CONTACT PERSON
11 FEBRUARY 2020	SBSA RETAIL BANKI	A91479
04 FEBRUARY 2020	SBSA HL	SBSAHL
03 FEBRUARY 2020	SBSA CHEQUE	CHEQUE
04 DECEMBER 2019	ROSE REAL ESTATES	TENNET
04 NOVEMBER 2019	MIX TELEMATIC AFR	SAMSONCE
03 OCTOBER 2019	IHS PROPERTY MANA	TENNET
04 SEPTEMBER 2019	CREDIT RISK SUPPO	A107368
04 SEPTEMBER 2019	CREDIT RISK SUPPO	A107368
03 SEPTEMBER 2019	STANDARD BANK PRE	A142841
28 AUGUST 2019	SBSA E PLAN	PLAN2
06 AUGUST 2019	TRAFALGAR PROPERT	TENNET
19 JULY 2019	NEDBANK CORP ND	NB185714
16 JULY 2019	NEDBANK CORP ND	NB185714
16 JULY 2019	NEDBANK BN NORTH	0605
16 JULY 2019	STANDARD BANK NOR	A131029
15 JULY 2019	ABSA CCA AND NLR	005534
05 JUNE 2019	TRAFALGAR PROPERT	TENNET



SUMMARY

- Make sure your accounts are always on time
- Use 30% or less of your credit utilisation ratio
- Don't apply for credit often
- Make sure you check your report monthly
- Make sure you have no errors on your report



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