

# Financial Matters for New Canadians: **Tips & Secrets Smart Canadians Know**



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- Bank Accounts and Banking Services
- ATMs, Debit Cards and Credit Cards
- Establishing a Credit History
- Understanding Your Pay Cheque and Your Payroll Deductions
- Filing Your Income Tax Return
- Q & As



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## What is financial literacy?

The knowledge, skills and confidence to make responsible financial decisions at every life stage



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## Bank Accounts and Banking Services



### Why you need to open a bank account

- Security
- Convenience
- Saving and Investing

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## Bank Accounts and Banking Services

### Choosing a bank that's right for you

- Legitimacy
- Location
- Services
- Fees
- Size



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## Marjorie's Story



*Marjorie was from Western Europe. Her bank didn't charge her fees for everyday use. After her first month, she realized that close to \$10 had been removed from her account.*

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## ATMs, Debit Cards and Credit Cards

### ATMs (Automated Teller Machines)

24-hour banking

### Debit Cards

**How a debit card works** – payments immediately deducted from your bank account

### Credit Cards

**How a credit card works** – payment is temporarily loaned to you

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## ATMs, Debit Cards and Credit Cards

### Important points to remember

- ATMs are not all free. Transaction fees can add up.
- **Never** share your PIN with anyone.
- Wise use of credit card can help build your credit history.



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## Building your credit history

- Importance of your credit history
  - Why do you need one?
  - Building your credit history
- What is a secured credit card ?



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## Building your credit history

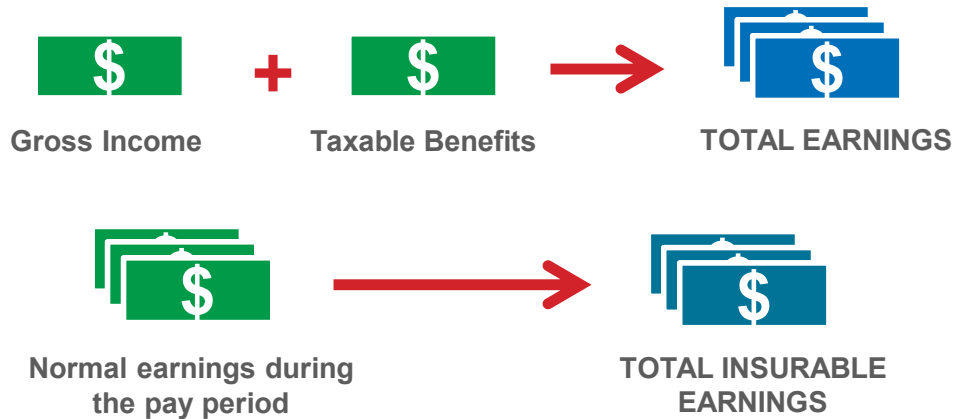
### Points to remember about credit

- Payday loans
- Don't buy more on credit than you can afford
- Pay your credit card in full every month
- Keep your personal information confidential



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## Understanding your pay cheque and your payroll deductions

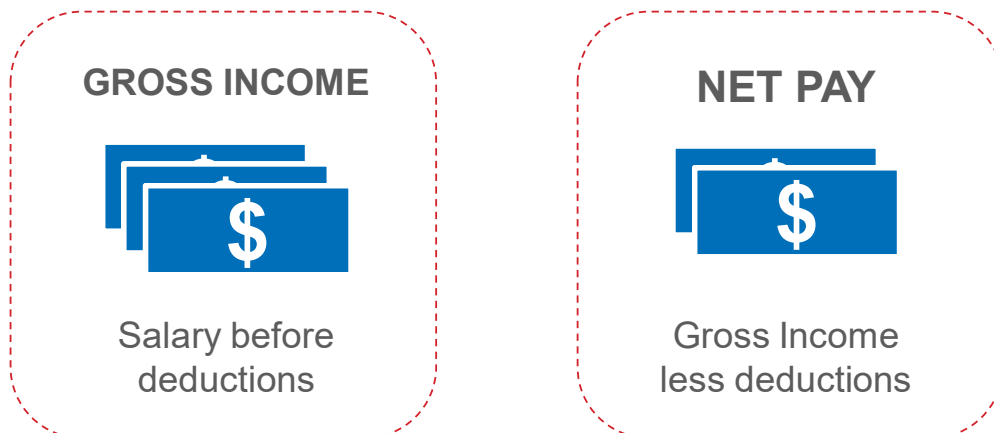


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## Understanding your pay cheque and your payroll deductions



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# Payroll deductions

- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan / Quebec Pension Plan
- Federal and Provincial Income Tax

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# Filing your income tax return

- When to file your return after entering Canada
- Why file an income tax return?
- Deadline for income tax filing
- How to file your return
- Paying tax owing or claiming a refund
- Getting the help you need

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## Resources

- **Financial Consumer Agency of Canada** – Basics (Banking, Credit Cards, Credit history & reports, and Fraud)  
[canada.ca/en/services/finance/manage.html](https://canada.ca/en/services/finance/manage.html)
- **Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation** – list of member financial institutions and what is covered  
[cdic.ca](https://cdic.ca)
- **National Payroll Institute** – Pay statement guidelines  
[payroll.ca/payroll-guidelines/pay-statement-payroll-best-practices-guidelines](https://payroll.ca/payroll-guidelines/pay-statement-payroll-best-practices-guidelines)
- **Canadian Bankers Association** – Safe use of Automated Banking Machines  
[cba.ca/abm-market-in-canada](https://cba.ca/abm-market-in-canada)
- **Service Canada** – Employment Insurance in Canada & Canada Pension Plan  
[servicecanada.gc.ca](https://servicecanada.gc.ca)
- **Canada Revenue Agency** – Canada's tax system  
[canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html](https://canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html)
- **Glossary of Terms**

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# Questions?

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