

Suffering from a Holiday Hangover? Consider an MCCCUC Balance Transfer!

Choosing to do a balance transfer can be a great tool to help manage out of control or multiple lines of credit card debt. Before doing a balance transfer, you should analyze the benefits and disadvantages to make sure it is the right move for you.

Benefits of a Credit Card Balance Transfer

- 0% APR introductory periods. Low start up rates can save you a lot of money over the interest you are likely currently paying. Going from a 15.84% interest rate (the average balance transfer credit card rate as of 1/7/2013) to a 0% rate will sharply reduce your interest expenses.
- A tool to pay off debt. A balance transfer credit card, when used wisely, is a great way to get your credit card debt under control. All of your debt is in one place and with consistent monthly payments you can chip away at the balance without having to juggle multiple due dates. Since your interest rate is 0%, all of your payments will go towards reducing debt, rather than being split between your debt and new interest charges.
- Inexpensive means of borrowing money. Compared to other debt management options where you might have to pay off your credit card balances, opening a balance transfer card can be a cheap option. Personal loans, lines of credit, and even second mortgages aren't going to provide you with 0% interest rates.
- **MCCCUC's balance transfers are always fee-free**, and for those that choose to make a balance transfer during our promotional period, they will receive 0% APR for 6 months on their first transfer.

Disadvantages of a Credit Card Balance Transfer

- Introductory Periods End. If you do not pay off your balance during the introductory period, your interest rate will return to a level similar to what you were paying before you opted to do a 0% balance transfer. This will leave you with two options if you don't pay off your debt before your introductory period expires: do a second balance transfer, or pay off your credit card debt at a standard interest rate. For MCCCUC's credit card rates, visit our website or call 734-242-3222 today.
- Good credit is needed. Balance transfer cards are generally only available for those with good credit ratings, so if you have a low score you may not be eligible.
- When not used wisely, a balance transfer can give you the means to rack up more debt. When you open a balance transfer card it will free up credit on existing cards. Make sure to take precautions against racking up new credit card debt and, if necessary, cut up and cancel old cards.

Overall, to get the most out of a balance transfer, be sure to use your introductory period wisely. Don't run up more charges on your old cards or pay only the minimum simply because your interest rate is low. Focus on getting out of debt as soon as possible, so you don't end up chasing 0% deals every time your rate increases.

If you are interested in an MCCCUC Balance Transfer, stop by and see us today or call 734-242-3222 for more information

Disclosure: Balance transfer promotion offer runs from 01/01/2014 to 03/31/2014 and is available to new lines of credit only. Applicants must qualify for membership and have a regular share account with MCCCUC. VISA Platinum credit card issued on approved credit. Rates and terms are subject to change. One transfer per member will qualify for the 0% APR. Account balance transfers are contingent upon account set up and assigned credit limits. Balance transfers do not qualify for ScoreCard Rewards. In some cases the Credit Union may not be able to process a balance transfer request. Balance transfers are treated as a purchase and qualify for a 25 day grace period. Any outstanding balance 6 months after transfer will revert back to your determined VISA credit card rate.