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EMPOWERING THE 21ST CENTURY BUSINESS OWNER

**EXPERIAN**

**FOR:**

**PERSONAL CREDIT OVERVIEW**

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## The Case for Personal Experian and how it works

### Myths About Experian Credit Reporting Agency:

- 1. Experian is the only credit bureau:**
  - Myth: Some people believe Experian is the sole credit reporting agency.
  - Fact: Experian is one of the three major credit reporting agencies in the United States, alongside Equifax and TransUnion.
- 2. Experian determines credit approval:**
  - Myth: There's a misconception that Experian alone decides whether an individual gets approved for credit.
  - Fact: Experian provides credit information to lenders, who use multiple factors to make credit decisions.
- 3. Checking your own credit hurts your score:**
  - Myth: Some think that checking their own credit report negatively impacts their credit score.
  - Fact: Checking your own credit is considered a soft inquiry and does not affect your credit score.
- 4. Experian is responsible for data breaches:**
  - Myth: Experian is sometimes mistakenly blamed for data breaches.
  - Fact: Experian, like other credit bureaus, may experience data breaches, but it is not responsible for the criminal actions of hackers.



**5. Credit bureaus set interest rates:**

- Myth: It's a misconception that credit bureaus, including Experian, set interest rates for loans and credit cards.
- Fact: Interest rates are determined by lenders based on their risk assessment and market conditions.

**6. Experian has control over credit laws:**

- Myth: Some believe that Experian has control over credit laws.
- Fact: Credit laws are established by legislation, and credit bureaus, including Experian, must comply with these laws.

**7. Bankruptcy erases your credit report:**

- Myth: There's a belief that filing for bankruptcy completely erases your credit report.
- Fact: Bankruptcy information can stay on your credit report for several years, depending on the type of bankruptcy.

**8. Credit scores are the same across all bureaus:**

- Myth: People may believe that their credit score is identical across all credit bureaus.
- Fact: While credit scores are generally similar, variations can occur due to differences in reporting and scoring models.

**9. Experian approves or denies credit applications:**

- Myth: Some think that Experian has the authority to approve or deny credit applications.
- Fact: Experian provides information; lenders make the approval or denial decisions.

**10. Experian only reports negative information:**

- Myth: There's a belief that Experian only includes negative information on credit reports.
- Fact: Experian, like other credit bureaus, reports both positive and negative credit information.

**11. Credit bureaus have control over your credit report:**

- Myth: Some believe that credit bureaus, including Experian, control the information on your credit report.
- Fact: Credit bureaus compile and maintain information provided by lenders, but they do not control the content.

**12. Experian can deny access to your credit report:**

- Myth: Experian can deny you access to your own credit report.
- Fact: Federal law allows consumers to request a free credit report from each bureau annually.

**13. Closing a credit account improves your score:**

- Myth: Closing a credit account is sometimes thought to be a quick way to improve your credit score.
- Fact: Closing accounts can affect your credit utilization ratio, potentially impacting your score.



**14. Old debts don't matter on your credit report:**

- Myth: Some believe that old debts no longer matter once they are several years old.
- Fact: Negative information, even if old, can impact your credit report for a certain period.

**15. Credit repair companies can remove accurate information:**

- Myth: Credit repair companies claim they can remove accurate negative information from your Experian report.
- Fact: Legitimate negative information cannot be removed; credit repair services can only address inaccuracies.

**Facts About Experian Credit Reporting Agency:**

**1. One of the three major credit bureaus:**

- Fact: Experian is one of the three major credit reporting agencies in the United States, along with Equifax and TransUnion.

**2. Provides credit information to lenders:**

- Fact: Experian collects and maintains credit information, providing it to lenders to help them make informed credit decisions.

**3. Subject to federal regulations:**

- Fact: Experian, like other credit bureaus, is subject to federal regulations such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).

**4. Offers free annual credit reports:**

- Fact: Experian, by law, provides consumers with a free annual credit report upon request.

**5. Uses FICO scoring model:**

- Fact: Experian typically uses the FICO scoring model, a widely used credit scoring system.

**6. Provides credit monitoring services:**

- Fact: Experian offers credit monitoring services to help consumers keep track of changes in their credit reports.

**7. May offer credit scores to consumers:**

- Fact: Experian, like other credit bureaus, may offer consumers access to their credit scores for a fee.

**8. Can place a credit freeze:**

- Fact: Consumers can place a credit freeze with Experian to restrict access to their credit reports.

**9. Not responsible for data breaches:**

- Fact: While Experian has experienced data breaches, it is not responsible for the criminal acts of hackers.

**10. Participates in credit education:**

- Fact: Experian, like other credit bureaus, provides educational resources to help consumers understand credit and improve financial literacy.