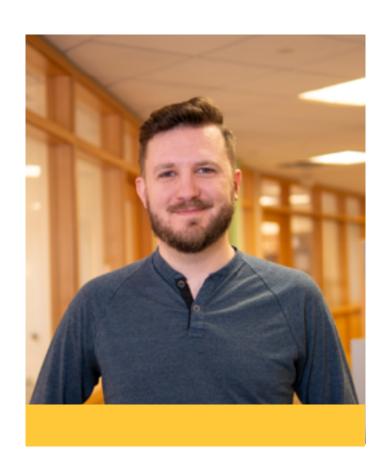




# Navigating the United States Financial System

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## Today's Webinar

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## Today's Agenda

- Harvard Federal Credit Union
- All About ITIN
- Checking & Savings Accounts
- Establishing Credit & Borrowing Money
- Tips for Financial Success in the U.S.

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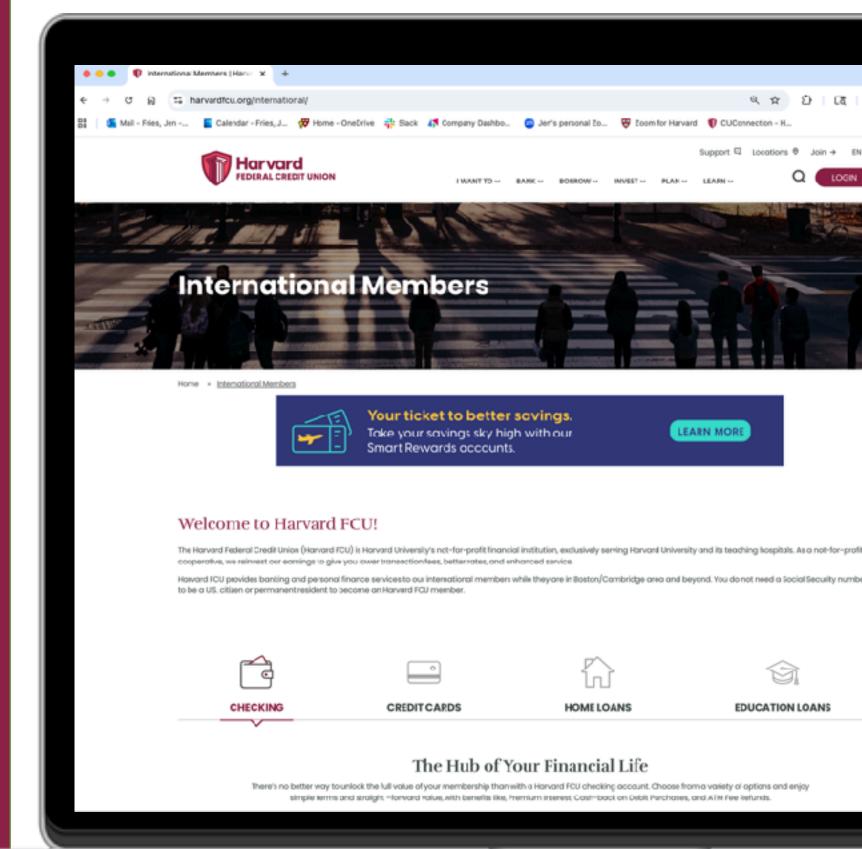
Access to the nationwide CO-OP Shared

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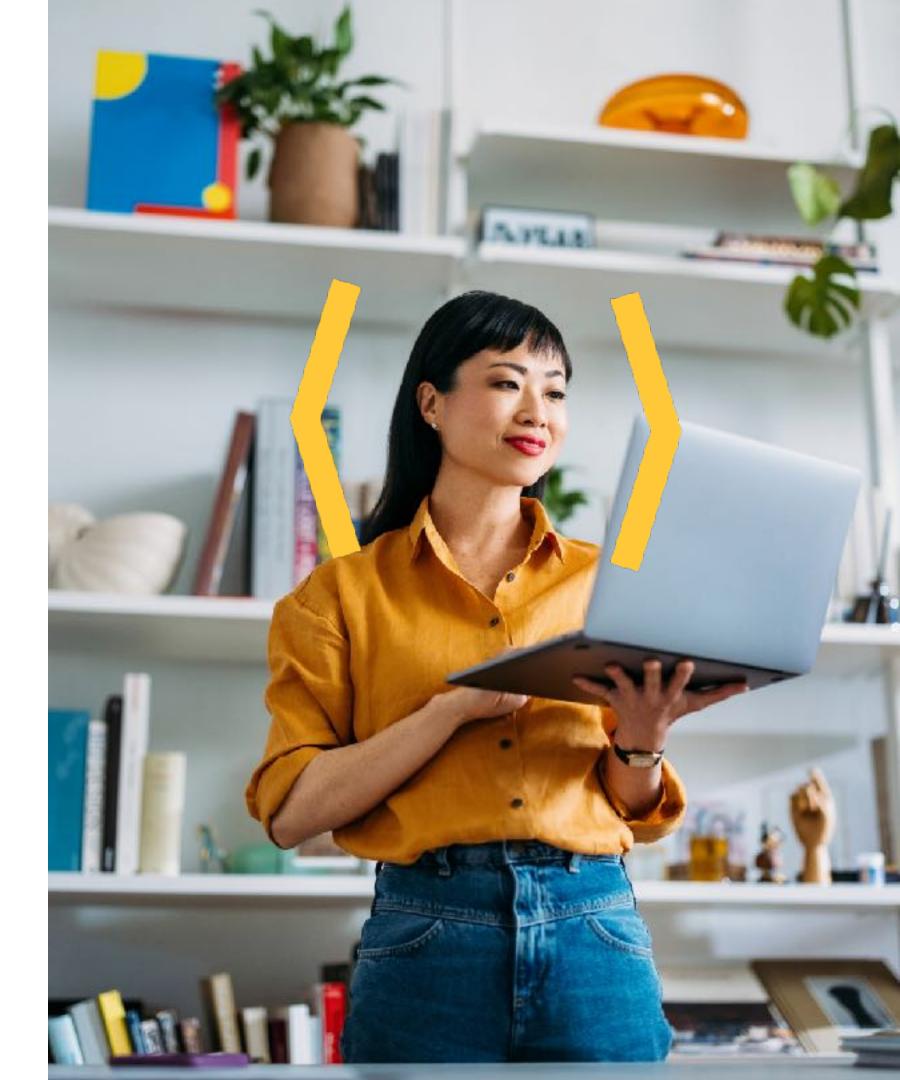




#### What is an ITIN?

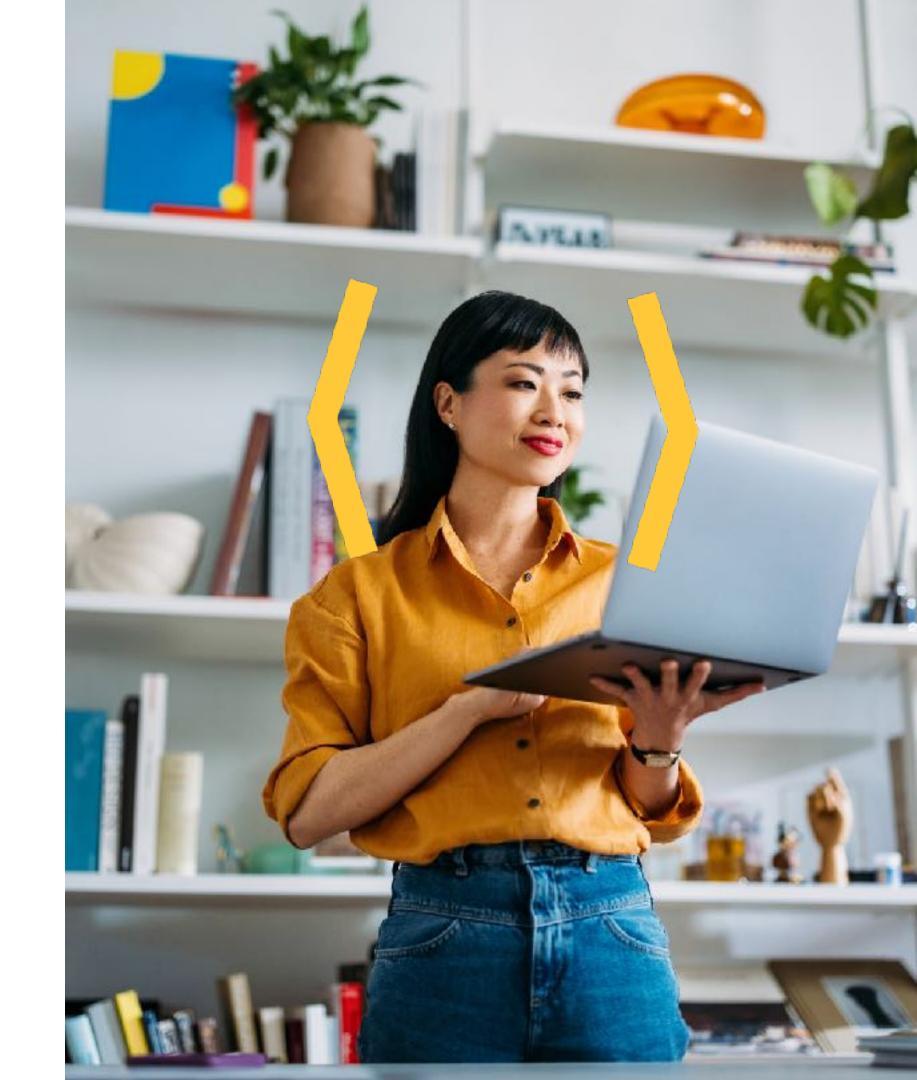
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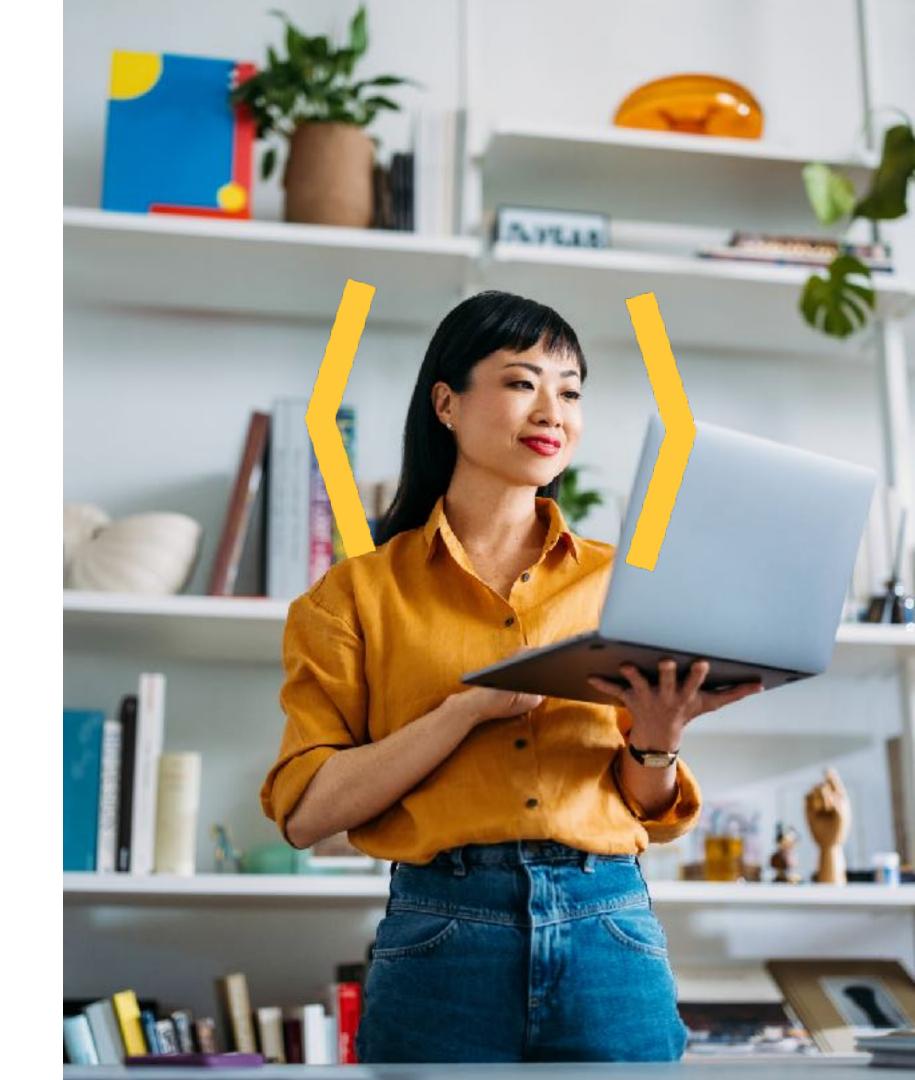
#### Who is eligible for an ITIN?

- Any individual with foreign status, including:
  - Nonresidents, including students, professors, or researchers
  - Foreign nationals who conduct business in the U.S.
- Dependents or spouses of U.S. citizens, resident aliens, or nonresident alien visa holders
- Other individuals residing and working in the U.S. who are not eligible for a Social Security Number



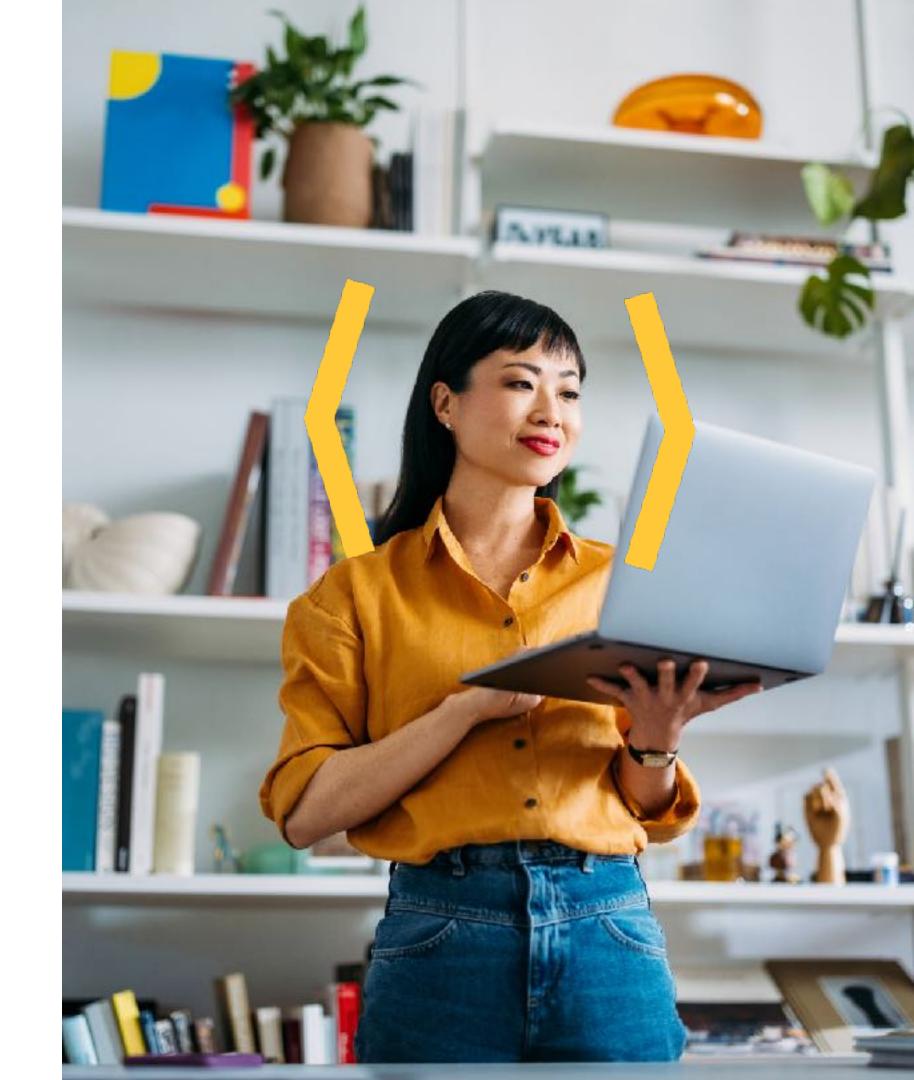
#### What can an ITIN be used for?

- Opening checking and savings accounts
- Applying for credit
- Obtaining a driver's license or state ID
- Renting an apartment



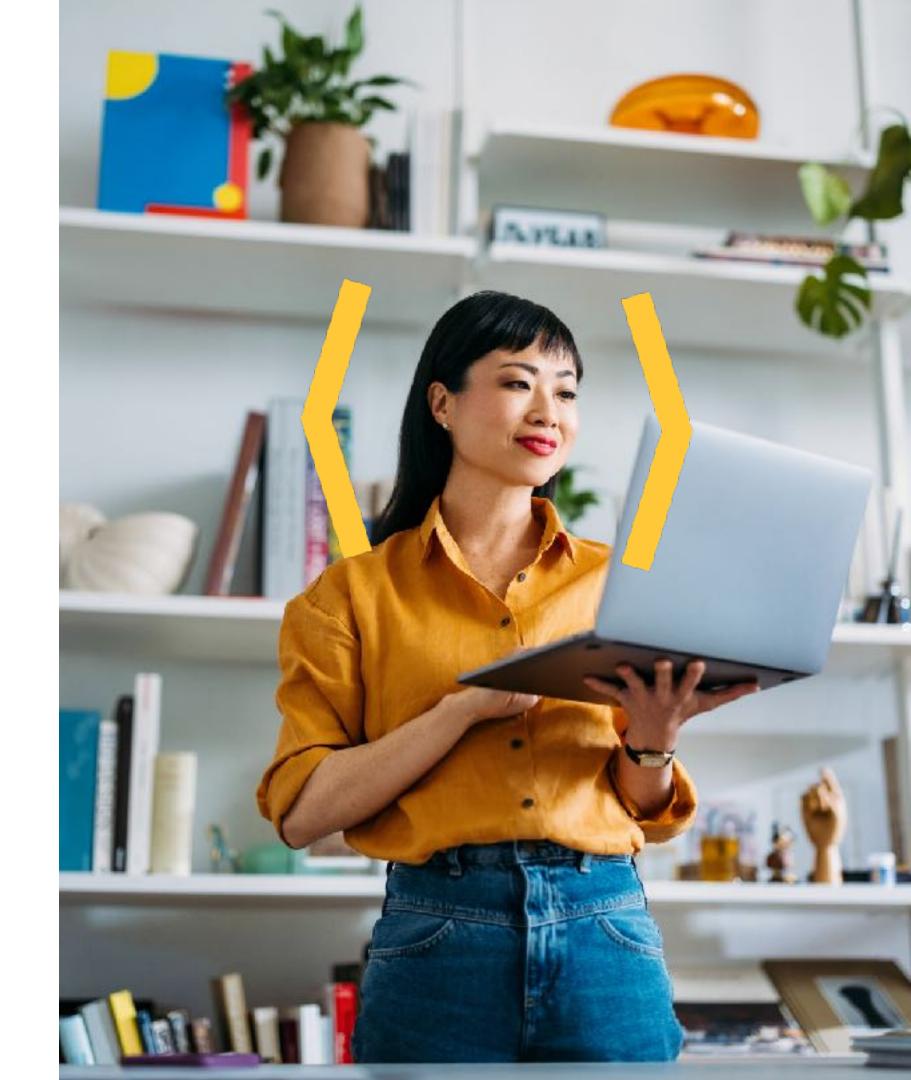
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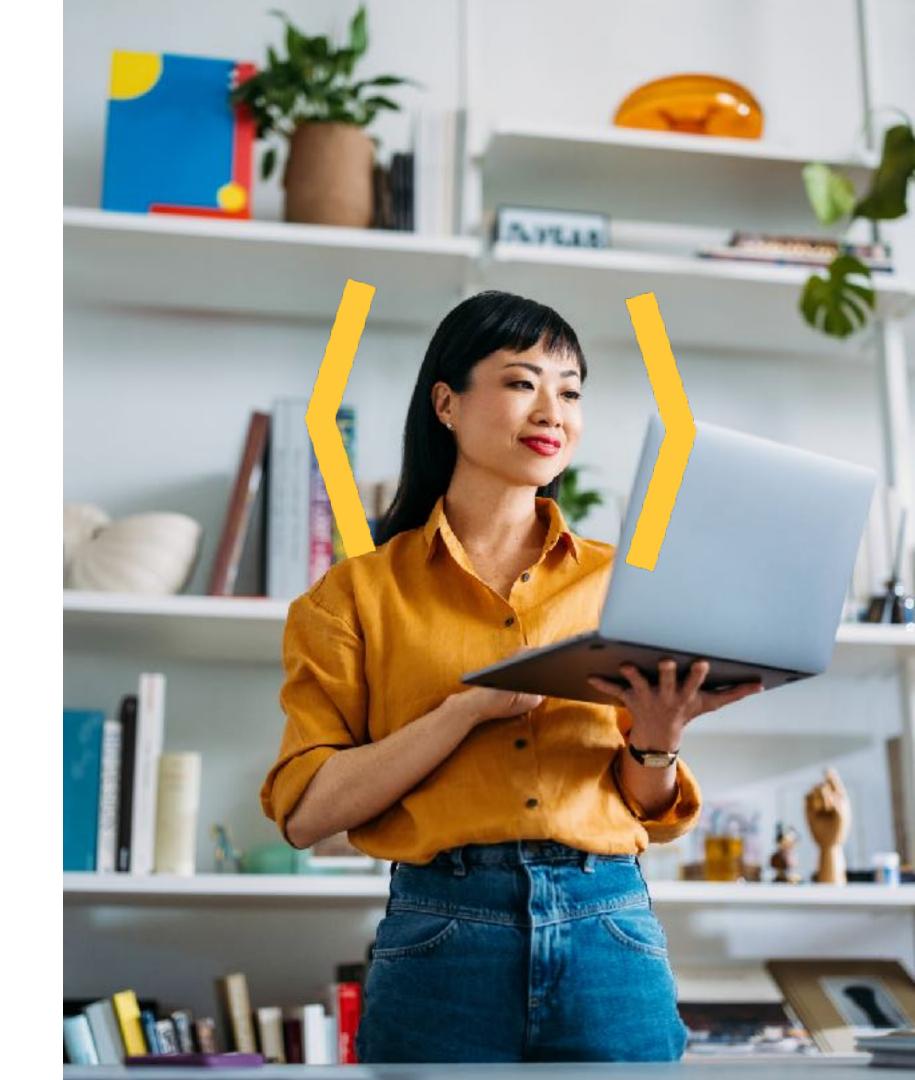
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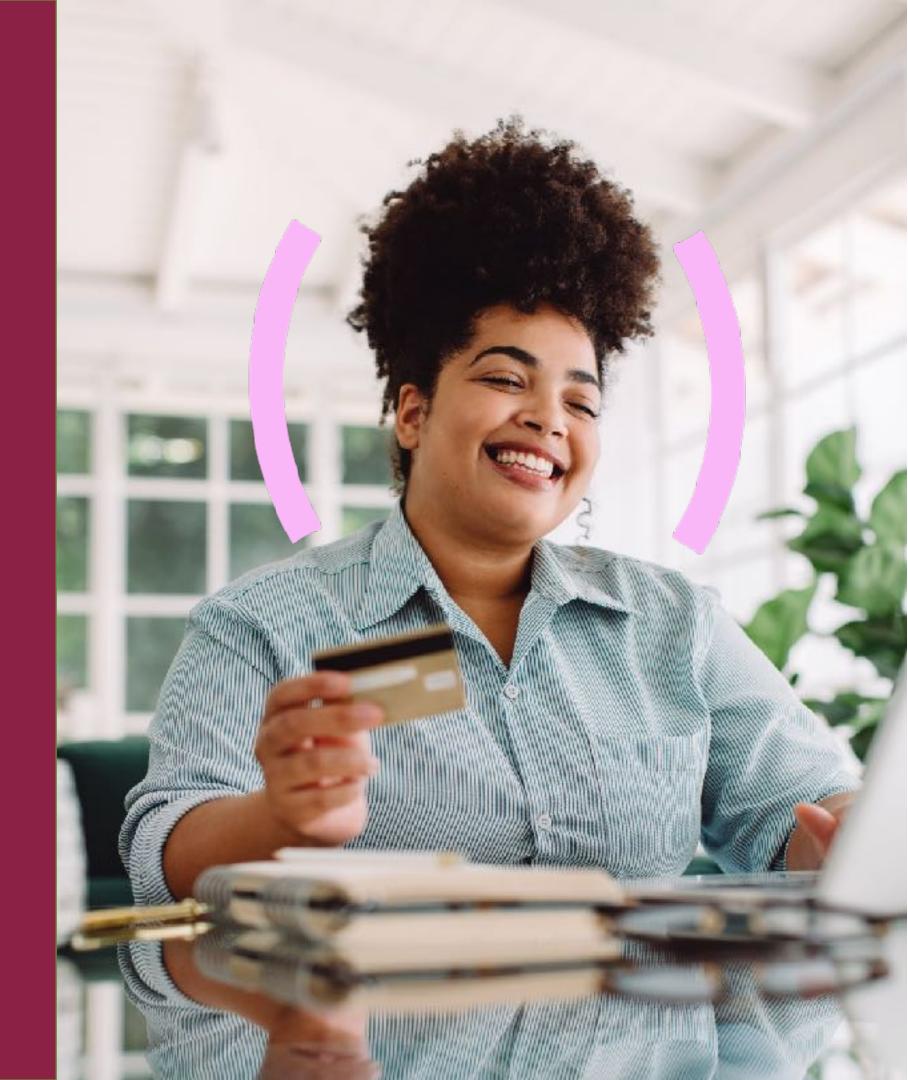


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- You will typically receive your ITIN within 7 weeks

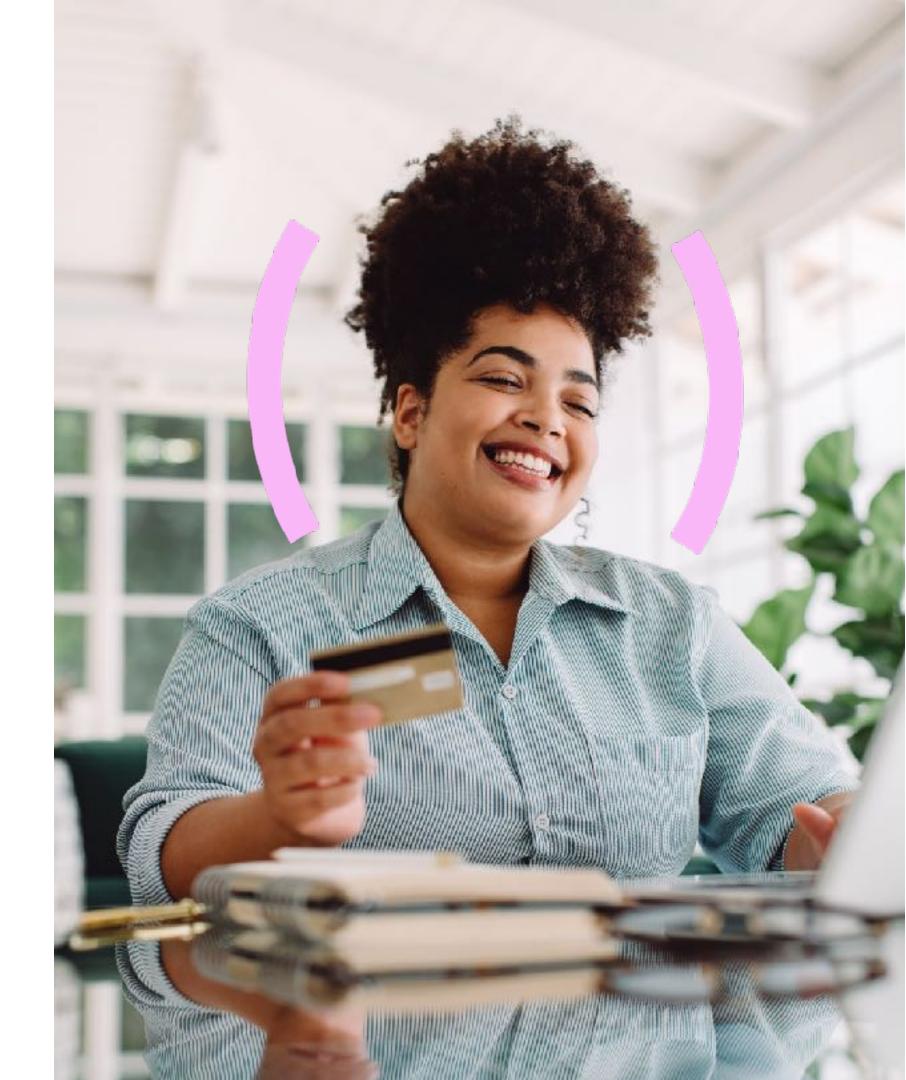






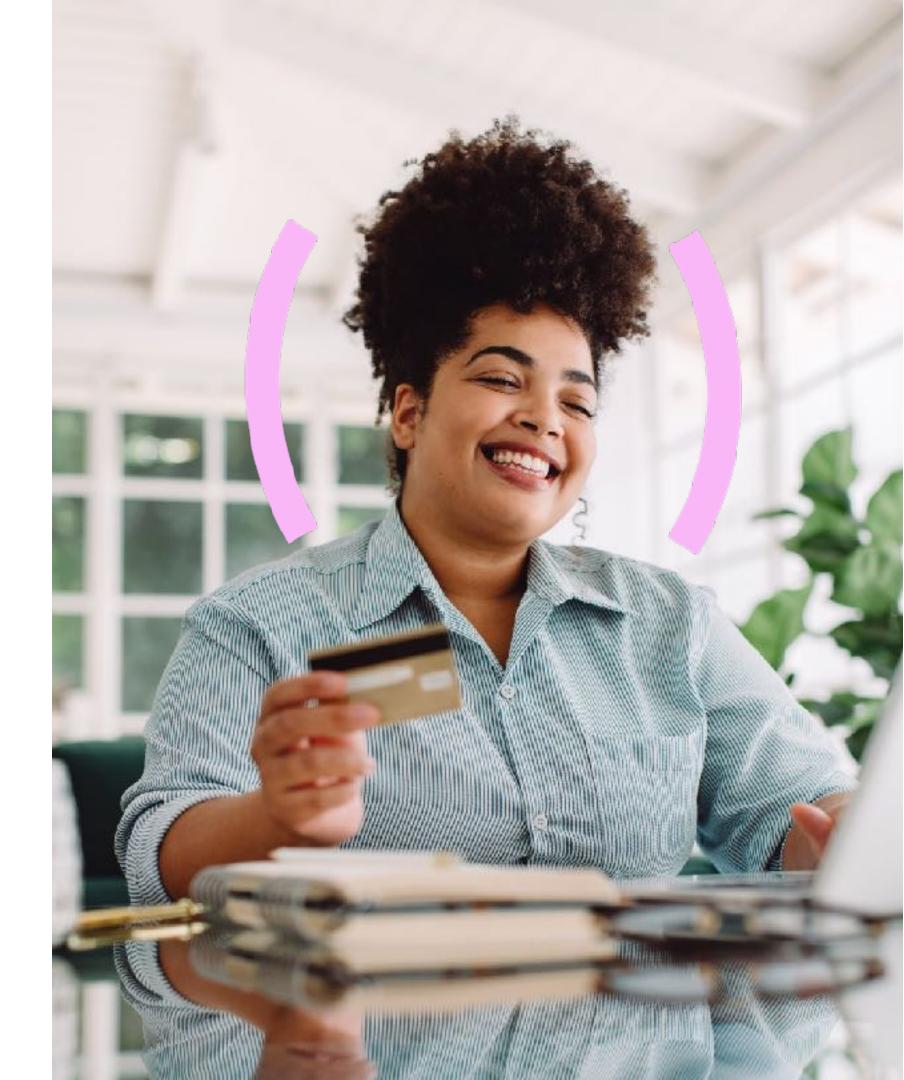
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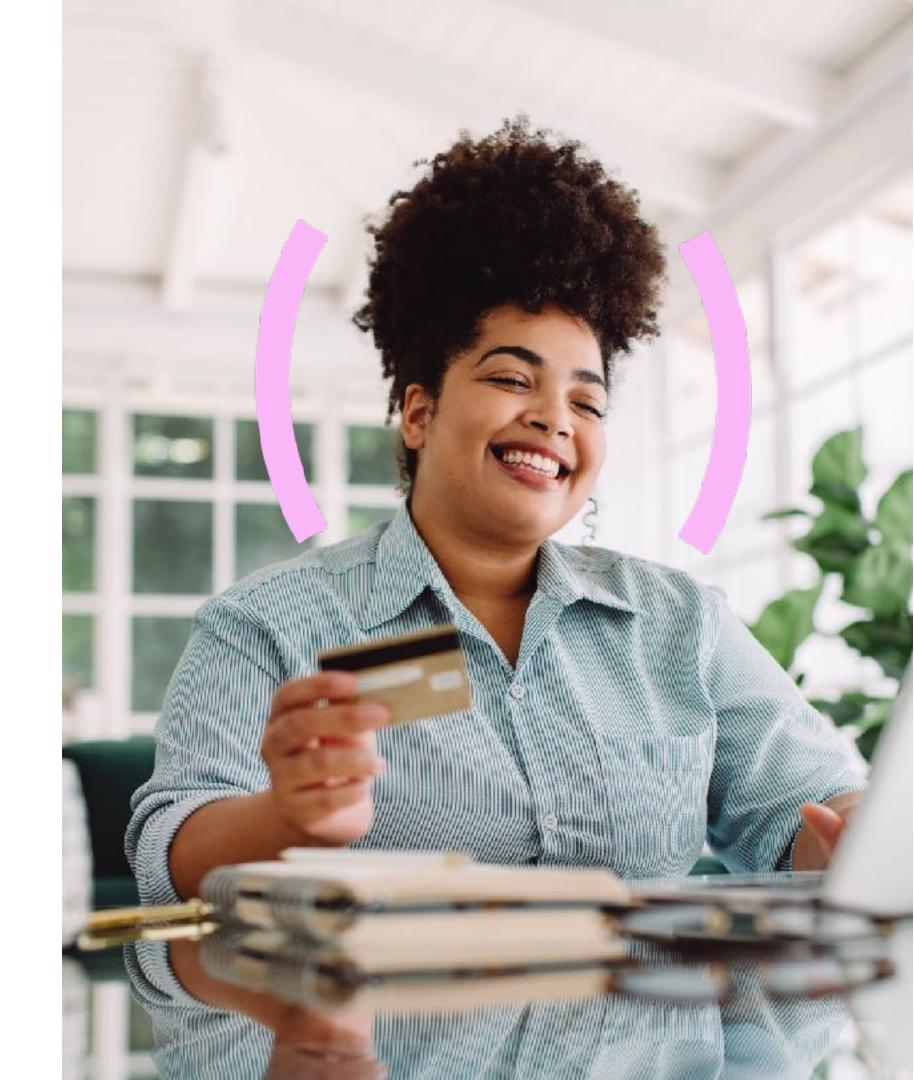
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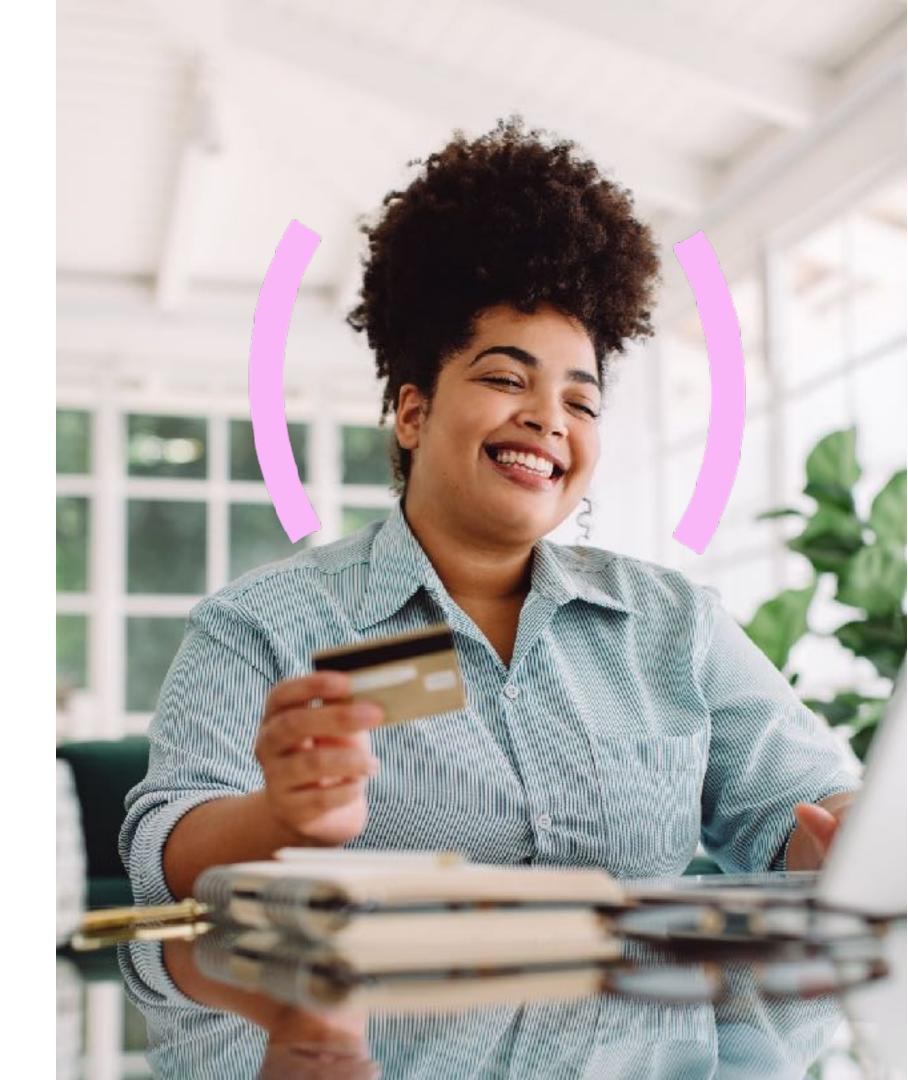
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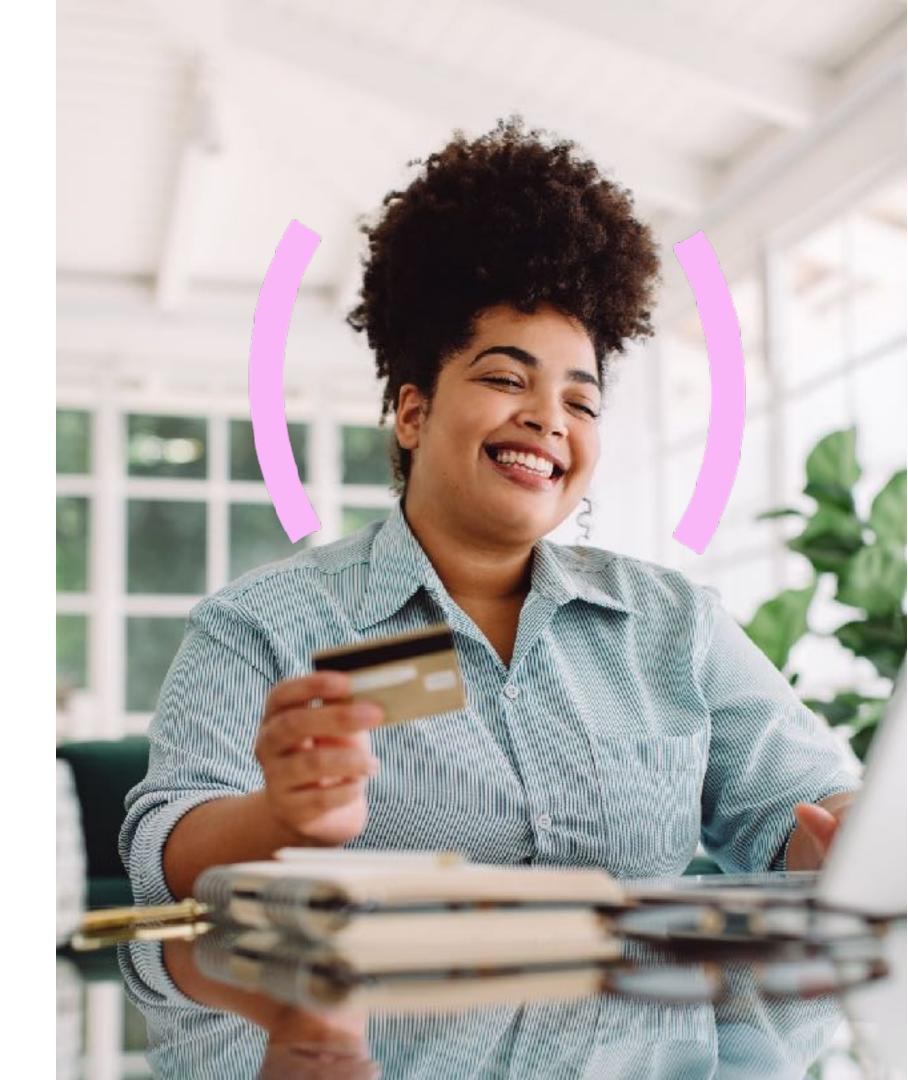
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Establishing
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## Establishing Credit and Borrowing Money Credit is:

 The ability to borrow money to pay for something now with an understanding that you will pay that money back later

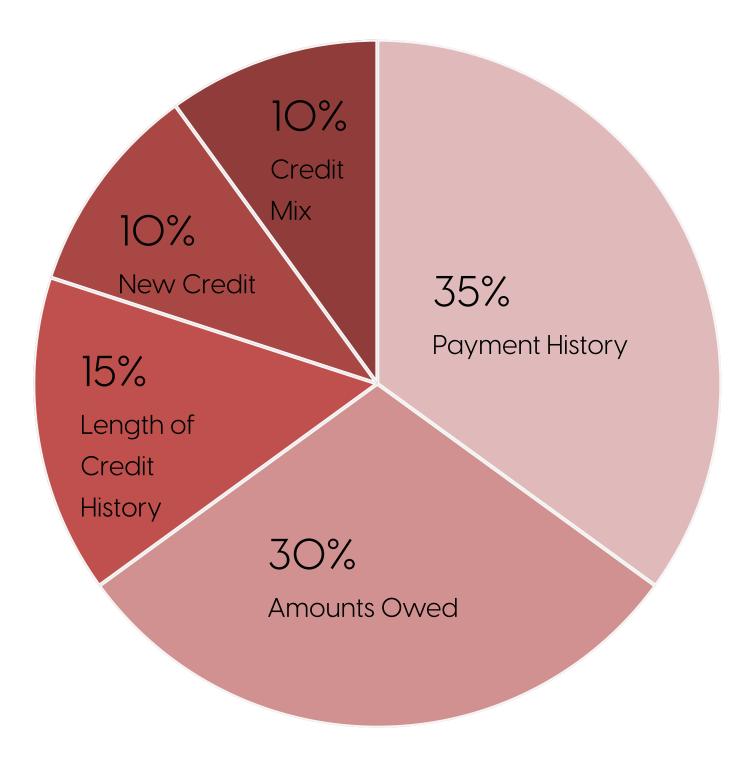


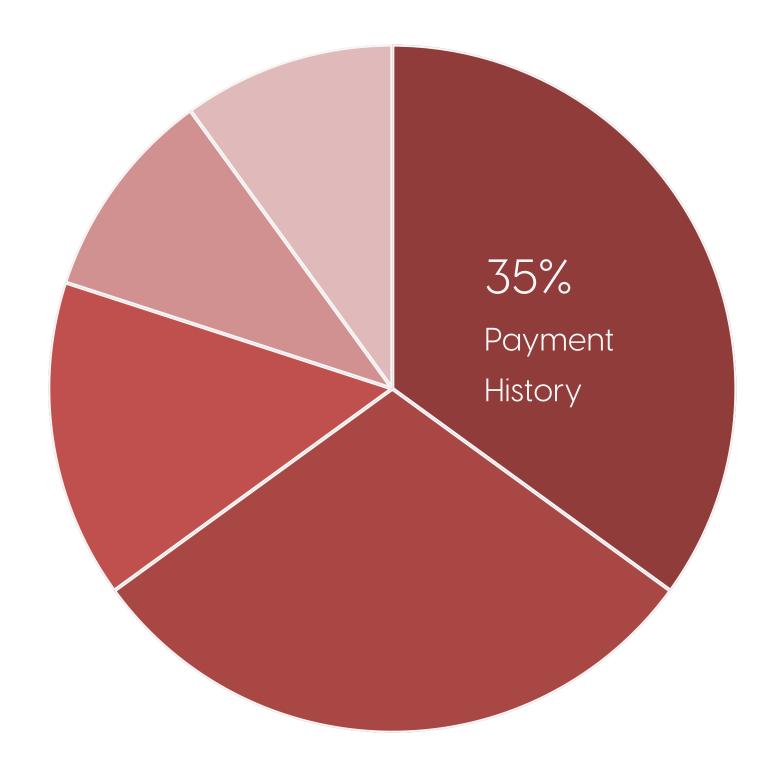
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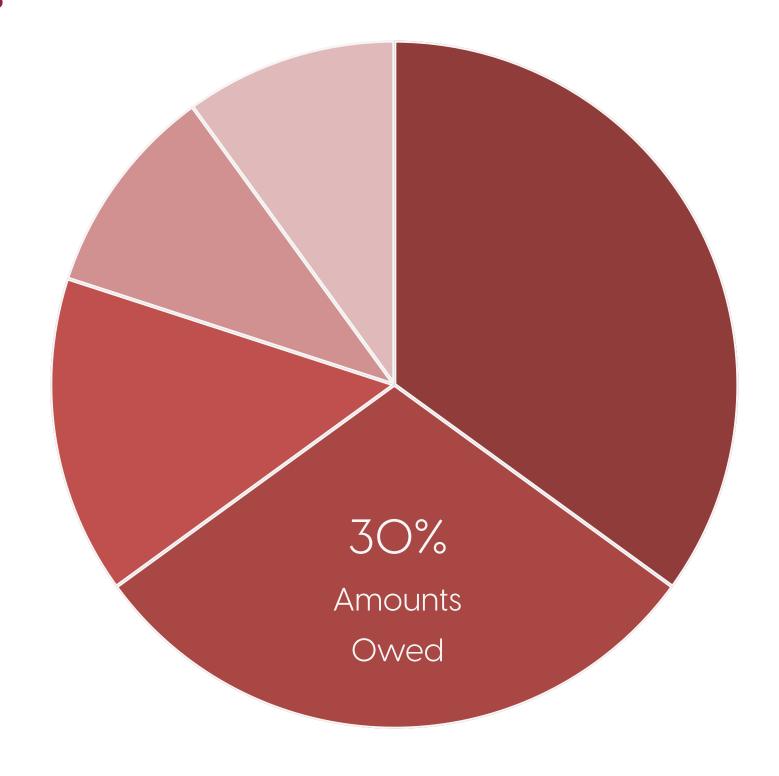


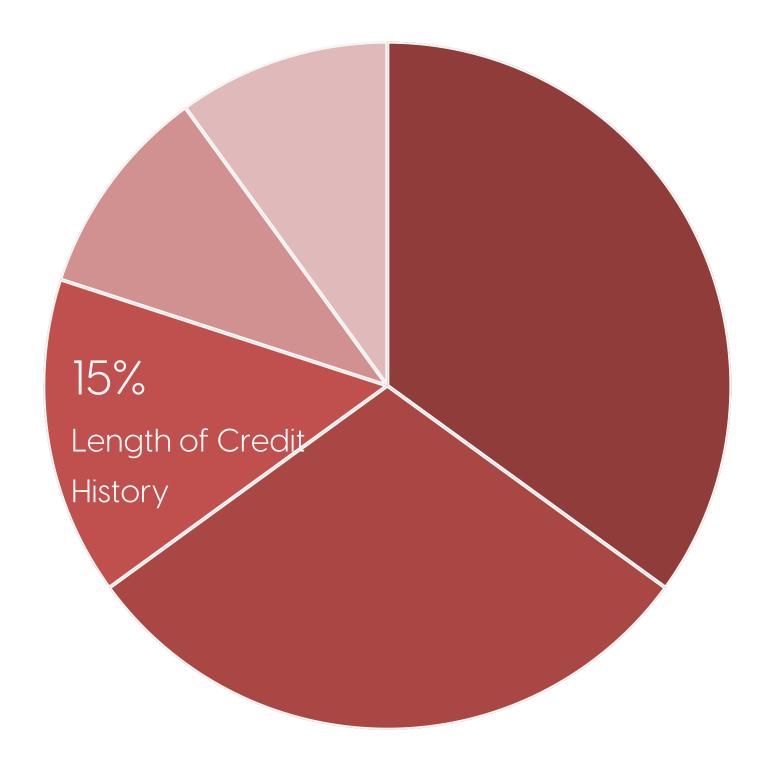
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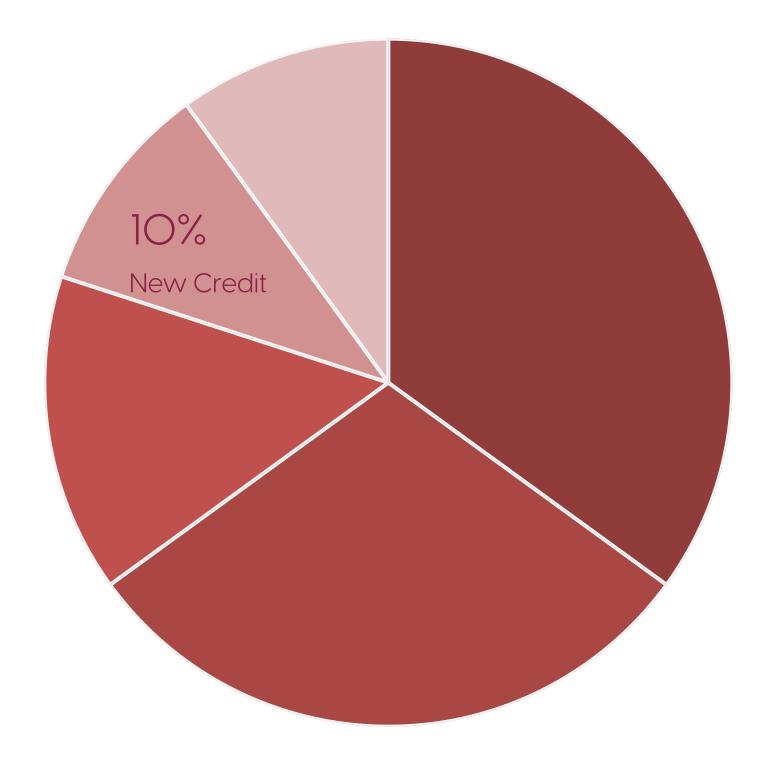


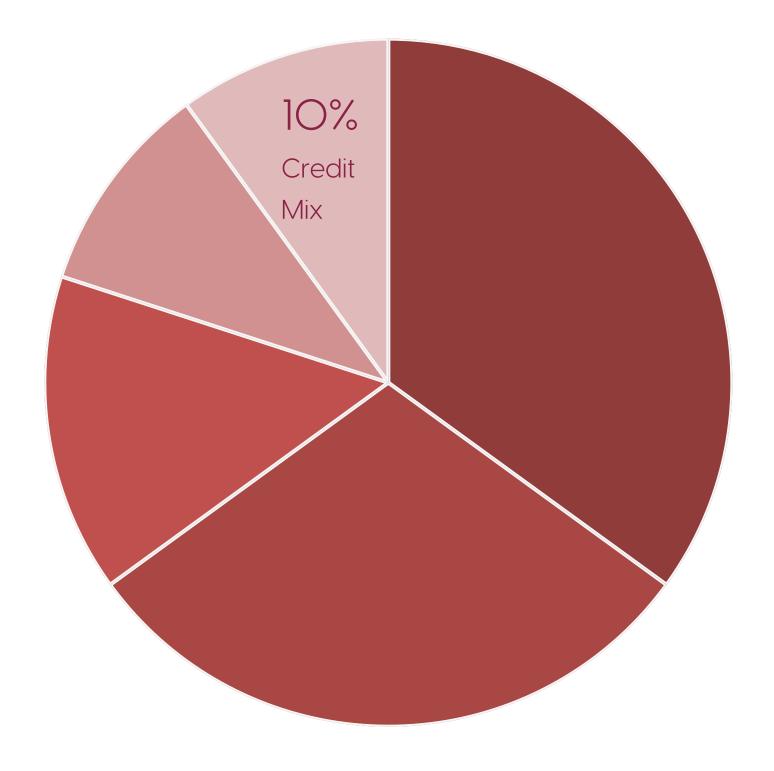












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- Credit reports for ITIN holders



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Credit cards



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- Credit cards
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- Credit cards
- Personal loans
- Mortgages and auto loans



## Establishing Credit and Borrowing Money Interest Rates

The cost of borrowing money



## Establishing Credit and Borrowing Money Applying for credit

• ITIN and credit



### Establishing Credit and Borrowing Money Credit Takeaways

- Credit Scores and reports
- Different types of credit
- Use credit responsibly



Tips for Financial Success in the U.S.



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- Open a checking and savings account



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#### Tips for Financial Success in the U.S.

#### Navigating the U.S Financial System

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- Apply for credit
- Use all accounts responsibly



- Make sure you have the correct documentation
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- Apply for credit
- Use all accounts responsibly
- You don't have to navigate this alone!



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Internal Revenue Service

ITIN Operation

P.O. Box 149342

Austin, TX 78714-9342

800-908-9982 (U.S. only)

267-941-1000 (international)

Experian

P.O. Box 9701

Allen, TX 75013

888-397-3742



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P.O. Box 1000

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