

3 Tips For Rebuilding Your Credit After Bankruptcy

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One of the biggest concerns people have about filing [bankruptcy](#) is how it will affect their [credit score](#). It is true that your credit score will take a hit, but with time and effort, you can rebuild your score. Below are a few tips to consider:

- **Open new accounts.** While this may seem like odd advice, building new credit begins with open and active accounts. It can also demonstrate that you are managing your finances and paying your debt in a timely manner.
- **Use major credit cards.** Many people do not understand that not all credit cards are treated equal in credit reporting. For instance, cards from department stores will not provide you with the same benefit on your credit report as MasterCard or Visa, even if you pay them timely. Be smart in choosing the credit accounts you open.
- **Consider secured cards.** If you are unable to qualify for traditional credit cards, consider getting a secured card. A secured credit card is a type of credit card secured by a deposit account owned by the cardholder. In other words, you will deposit between 100% and 200% of the total amount of the credit you desire. As long as you pay the credit card in a timely manner, this money will not be touched by the creditor.

The above tips are simple ways to jump start the process of rebuilding your credit after a bankruptcy filing. The most important thing to remember is that whatever accounts you open must be paid in a timely manner. Creditors want to see that you are taking your financial fresh start seriously.

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