

Join a Maine Credit Union, and Enjoy Fee-Free Checking

Get a checking account that is truly fee-free! Stop worrying about monthly maintenance fees, ATM fees, and minimum balances. When you open a checking account at most Maine credit unions, there is one thing you can check off your list – fees! That's because 95 percent of Maine's Credit Unions offer free checking accounts, and over 90 percent offer free checking accounts with no minimum balance.

This one feature can make a big difference to Maine consumers, especially when striving to save money. Knowing your money is

safe, and that every cent you put in your account will stay where it should be, is just another benefit of being a Maine credit union member. And, when paired with better rates on loans, and lower or no fees on other services, it all adds up to significant savings for members.

Visit a Maine credit union today, and ask about their checking offerings and fees. Chances are, you'll be told a number that you'll be happy to hear – zero! Visit mainecreditunions.org to find a credit union near you.

Looking for A Loan? Maine Credit Unions Have the Answer

Despite an economy that has prompted many lenders to pull back, lending is accessible and strong at Maine's Credit Unions. While institutions across the country were tightening lending availability, Maine's Credit Unions have continued to strengthen Maine's economy and today have nearly \$5 billion in loans outstanding to Mainers.

Maine credit unions go beyond lending basics to provide smaller loans to help with unexpected life events or emergencies. Credit unions are known for providing members with smaller loans to help them get back on their feet.

More than the ability to get a loan at a trusted financial institution, choosing a Maine credit union for your loan is a decision that will usually save you money. The most recent study on "The Economic

Impact on the Maine Economy and the Financial Benefits to Maine Consumers of the State's Credit Unions," found that consumers provided a breakdown that detailed the financial benefits of credit union membership in Maine saved \$22 million from lower rates on loans.

"Maine credit unions continue to experience consistent growth, which has a positive economic impact on the lives of members and communities. We are also extremely pleased to see that more consumers continue to turn to credit unions for financial services through new relationships or expanding existing relationships," said League President John Murphy.

No matter what you need, Maine credit unions are here to help. Visit mainecreditunions.org to find a credit union and begin the lending process today.



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