Unit 3: Banks and Other Financial Institutions

Personal Financial Literacy

Objectives

- List ways to establish a relationship with the financial system.
- Compare the different types of financial institutions.
- List types of saving institutions.
- Discuss how savings accounts work and what restrictions may be imposed.
- Compare the different kinds of checking accounts.

Financial Institution

- Collects money from the public and then either invests it or uses it to make loans
- Allows individuals and businesses to:
 - Cash checks
 - -Write checks
 - -Save money
 - -Borrow money



Choose a Financial Institution



- Convenient access
- Availability of ATMs
- Reputation and/or size
- Financial services offered
- Limited or lower fees
- Deposit insurance

Types of Institutions

- Commercial Banks
- Internet Banks
- Credit Unions
- Savings and Loan Associations
- Mutual Savings Banks

Products and Services

- Checking and savings accounts
- Money transfers from one account to another
- Automatic deposit and payment
- ATMs
- Preauthorized bill payment to automatically pay bills or make loan payments
- Credit, checks, or debit cards

Products and Services

- Online banking to pay bills or access account
- Overdraft protection
- Safe deposit boxes to store valuable items
- Investment advice
- Federal insurance on deposits
- Cashier's checks



Products and Services

- Certified checks
- Certificates of Deposit (CDs)
- Money orders
- Traveler's checks



How Savings Accounts Work

- Deposits are the principal
- Institution pays interest on principal
 - -Simple interest
 - -Compound Interest
 - Pays interest on principal and accumulated interest
 - The sooner you start compounding interest, the more money you earn.

Truth in Savings Act

 Institutions must disclose information about rates, fees, and terms of accounts



Savings Institutions Benefits

- Commercial bank: Easy to transfer funds
- Credit union: Usually higher interest rates
- Savings and loan: May pay higher interest
- Mutual savings banks: Profits in dividends

APY

- The earnings on savings measured by rate of return
- Annual Percentage Yield



Rule of 72

Divide 72 by your interest rate:
The result is how many years it will take to
DOUBLE your money.



Savings Account Restrictions

- Service fees?
- Minimum balance to maintain? Penalty?
- Monthly service charges?
- Limit on withdrawals?
- Limit on checks written or amount?

Online Banking

- Pay bills
- Transfer funds electronically
- Can be safer than checks

Debit Card



 Subtracts money from your checking account when you make a purchase or use it in an ATM

Overdraft Protection

- Bank covers a check if you don't have the funds
- Average of \$30 per check

Keeping Track

- Use a check register
- Balance your checking account



Unit Review

- 1. Explain the relationship between consumers, financial institutions, and the economy.
- 2. Define a financial institution.
- 3. List some of the factors that might go into choosing a financial institution.
- 4. Distinguish between the types of financial institutions.
- 5. Explain what a depository institution does, and give examples of depository institutions. Explain what a non-depository institution is.

Unit Review - Continued

- 6. How much does the FDIC insure deposits up to? What about the NCUA?
- 7. What is a share account?
- 8. Discuss the financial services and products often offered by financial institutions.
- 9. Describe how liquidity works.
- 10. What are the advantages and disadvantages to high liquidity?
- 11. Explain how interest on a savings account works.

Unit Review - Continued

- 13. What are some of the restrictions that can affect savings accounts?
- 14. What law requires financial institutions to disclose information about the terms of its accounts to consumers?
- 15. What is a simple way to figure out how to double your money in a savings account or an investment?
- 16. Compare and contrast the types of checking accounts.

Unit Review - Continued

17. How does a checking account differ from a savings account?



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