

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT READING A CREDIT REPORT



A good starting point for any application is to get a credit report for your client. At Kensington, we use credit information from Equifax. If you have a credit file from another bureau, it may show slightly different information.

Credit agreements

Payment History												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Equifax records can show up to six years of payment history for each account, depending on how long the account has been open. Payment history is displayed using status codes (for example, 0 = payment made on time, 1-6 = number of missed payments, and D = defaulted account).
- In the example above, the credit agreement was opened 12 months ago. It shows one missed payment before the account returned to being maintained on time.
- Payment history is grouped by account type, such as mortgages, hire purchase agreements and credit cards.
- For example, a mortgage opened 8 years ago would show the most recent six years of payment history, while a hire purchase agreement opened three years ago would show three years of history.

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In a credit report, it will confirm whether the client is currently registered at the address, with older records sometimes showing as historic addresses.

Confirmed	Yes
Years Since Last Entry	0 Years
Length of Residence	7 Years

Court & Insolvency Information

If there are any records, this data will be visible for 6 years. There is an overall ‘Total Number Present’ and ‘Total Value’ followed by a more detailed breakdown which includes:

- Value of judgement
- Type of judgement
- Whether it has been satisfied
- Court details

Want to talk through your next case?

Contact your local BDM

We have based these illustrations on credit reports from Equifax for data protection, but the facts remain accurate. Please be aware that there is no obligation for an applicant to share their credit report with their intermediary in order to apply for a mortgage.

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