

# How Your FICO® Score Can Impact APR

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**Planning to buy or lease a car?** Knowing your FICO® Score and understanding its impacts can help you prepare for the auto finance process.



#### FICO® Score Facts

- Your FICO® Score is used to help determine your creditworthiness.
- Five main factors influence FICO® Scores: Payment history, amounts owed, length of credit history, new credit and types of credit used.
- FICO® Scores generally range from 300 - 850.
   Higher scores indicate better credit.
- Ally provides auto customers with their FICO® Score for free.



#### **APR Facts**

- Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual rate charged on the amount financed.
- Your APR may be influenced by things like your income, credit history, amount financed and any collateral you provide.
- Use an auto finance calculator to see how a different APR can change your monthly payment at www.allywalletwise.com/ calculator



## How a FICO® Score Impacts APR

- Your credit score can influence the APR you will receive.
- Those with higher credit scores are generally more likely to get a lower APR.
- If your score seems inconsistent with your credit history, review your credit report for errors at www.annualcreditreport.com.
- Talk to your dealer about APR or other incentives.



## **Credit Management**

- Pay bills on time.
   This builds your credit history and helps raise your score.
- Reduce debt. If current debt is too high, creditors may be hesitant to extend additional credit.
- Use credit with restraint.
   Try not to "max out" your credit cards.
- Plan a realistic monthly budget. Use free tools at www.allywalletwise.com

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# **Ally Wallet Wise**

Ally Wallet Wise is a free financial education program created by Ally Financial that teaches consumers the basics of budget, credit, banking and investing, and financing a vehicle. Ally Wallet Wise is available online and through live sessions hosted by Ally and its affiliates.

## Ally Wallet Wise can be used in a number of ways, such as:

- An introduction for those who have never applied for credit or created a budget.
- A refresher on the many aspects of important finance topics.
- A self-study guide for getting up to speed on personal finance for consumers.
- A quick and easy-to-use resource when you have a question about personal finance.







# Visit allywalletwise.com to learn more!

#### **About Ally:**

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