2019

NEW & IMPROVED
BANKING
AND CREDIT
MODULES

MONEY SMART
For Small Business
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- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Federal Trade Commission
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Credit Builders Alliance
Agenda

• MSSB Overview

• Summary of improvements to:
  – Banking Services Module
  – Building Strong Business Credit Module

• Resources to help organizations using MSSB
MSSB Overview and Goals

- History
- Goals:
  - strengthening bank-community partnerships
  - increasing connections between small businesses and mainstream financial institutions
  - supporting entrepreneurs looking for unbiased, high quality educational resources.
- SBA collaboration
- An example of MSSB’s impact
Top Reasons to Use MSSB

• Free
• No requirements or certifications
• Taught by experts: bankers, insurance agents, etc.
• Flexible: Edit, combine, teach in any order
• Adaptable: Use with other curricula or counseling
• Online
• Money Smart Alliance members listed on FDIC website
• Available in English and Spanish

Download 10 Reasons to Use MSSB Flyer at: catalog.fdic.gov
Discussion:

• How have you seen or used MSSB in your community?
MSSB Overview

Product Development Timeline

- **2012**: Launched 10 Modules in English
- **2015**: Launched 3 new modules in English: Good Fit, Planning, and Cash Flow
- **2016**: Launched 13 modules in Spanish, MSSB Train-the-Trainer tool; and online downloads

Download 13 Modules, MSSB TtT and this presentation at: catalog.fdic.gov
MSSB Overview

13 MSSB Modules

- Is Owning a Business a Good Fit for You?
- Planning for a Healthy Business
- Banking Services
- Organizational Types
- Time Management
- Financial Management
- Recordkeeping

- Credit Reporting demystified
- Risk Management
- Insurance choices for businesses
- Tax Planning and Reporting
- Selling Your Business and Succession Planning
- Managing Cash Flow

Plus: MSSB Train-the-Trainer to prepare your MSSB Instructors
Summary of Key Improvements

TO MSSB BANKING SERVICES AND BUILDING STRONG BUSINESS CREDIT MODULES
Standard Money Smart Curriculum Components

Participant Guide
Instructor Guide
PowerPoint Slides
Summary of Improvements Banking & Credit Modules

Key Improvements:

GENERAL

• Greater applicability to different businesses depending on size, stage, etc.

• Complex information explained quickly and simply.

• New Checklists and Exercises.

• Actionable items for use after the training.

• Most important information highlighted.
Module Content: Banking Services

2019 Version

**Section I:** Banking Services (includes Deposit Accounts)

**Section II:** Financing Options and Sources (includes non bank)

**Section III:** Avoiding Fraud and Scams

2012 Version

- **Banking Services** (Reorganized and Streamlined)
- **Deposit Accounts** (Deposit Insurance section simplified in Section I)
- **Getting a Loan** (Enhanced in new version in Section II)
- **Fraud** (Enhanced in new version as stand alone Section III)
- **Wealth Management and Retirement** (Removed)
Key Improvements:
BANKING MODULE

• Tools to evaluate banking and financing options.
• Greater variety of financing options, lender sources, and government loan guarantee programs.
• Role of personal and business credit history better explained.
• Enhanced information on Fraud and Scams.
Module Content: Building Business Credit

2019 Version

**Section I:** The Big Picture: Credit Reporting and My Business

**Section II:** The Impact of Personal Credit on My Business

**Section III:** Business Credit Reporting

**Section IV:** How Lenders Evaluate Your Creditworthiness

**Section V:** Credit Reporting and Business Operations

2012 Version

- **Credit Reporting** (Enhanced focus on the spectrum of personal and business credit in Sections I and II)
- **Business Credit Reporting** (Updated landscape of agencies, reports and scores in Section III)
- **Ability to Get Credit** (Enhanced in new version in Section IV)
- **Reporting and Business Operations** (Simplified and streamlined in new version as stand alone Section V)
- **Fair Credit Billing Act and Risks and Responsibilities of Handling Personal Information** (Removed)
Key Improvements:

CREDIT MODULE

• Expanded impact of personal credit history, reports and scores in the business.

• Deeper exploration of business reporting, credit scores, and scoring landscape.

• More on how lenders evaluate the creditworthiness of small businesses.

• Tips and tactics for establishing and improving personal and business credit.
Exercises and Activities that Support Practical Application of Content

- Transformed focus from *comprehension* to *actionable skills* through exercises and activities.

- Explore key concepts
- Practice applying concepts through case studies and exercises
- Apply new skills to real-life business development activities
## Practical Exercises and Activities - Banking

### Financing Options Checklist

#### 1. Business Financing Opportunities

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<td>a. Is your small business eligible for a federal, state, or local government loan guarantee or other small business program?</td>
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<td>c. Have you conducted a <a href="#">reputational search</a> of the lenders from which you are seeking financing, or have they been recommended by trusted advisors?</td>
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*Note: Seek expert advice to evaluate all financing options.*
Practical Exercises and Activities - Credit

PERSONAL CREDIT

I have viewed my personal credit report in the past 12 months.
☐ Yes  ☐ No

My personal credit is:
☐ excellent.
☐ fair.
☐ poor.
☐ I have no personal credit.
☐ I am not sure.

ACTION ITEM
Visit www.annualcreditreport.com to obtain your free annual credit report from one or more of the three major consumer credit reporting agencies.

My personal credit is important to my business because:
One Case Study for both modules

- Practical application of Banking and Credit topics
- Intersections between Banking and Credit Module
Instructor Guides Expanded to Serve a Wider Range of Participant Needs

Call out “Notes” for Instructors...

Additional information to help inform Instructors on specific topics...

**Instructor:** The following information is for future reference and will not be discussed during the training.

*A Note on Public Records*
To enhance consumer protections in credit reporting through the National Consumer Assistance Plan, the three major consumer credit reporting agencies must adhere to stricter standards when reporting certain transactions. Specifically, civil judgments, fines that do not arise from a contract for payment, and tax liens no longer show up on personal credit reports. Thus, while the majority of bankruptcy and foreclosure records will continue to appear, public records reported on personal credit reports are likely to be much more limited than in the past. It is critical for entrepreneurs to understand that even if a tax lien or civil judgment does not show up on their credit report, this does not mean that the debt is no longer owed. In addition, such items may still appear in other databases and reports beyond the ones generated by the three major consumer credit reporting agencies.

Resources that Instructors can point to...

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Discussion

• How do these two modules fulfill your organization’s small business goals, especially access to capital for small businesses?
Summary of Improvements Banking & Credit Modules

Structural Enhancements

• Formatting and layout improvements
• Presentation time 120 minutes
• Glossary of terms

Next: preview the “look” of the new modules!
SECTION 1: THE BIG PICTURE: CREDIT REPORTING AND MY BUSINESS

INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

Slide 8, Participant Guide page 9

The Definition of Credit

What is credit? Credit is the ability to borrow money based on the promise that you will pay it back. Car loans, credit cards, small business loans, and mortgages are all examples of credit—i.e., financing or lending—products. While using too much credit can lead to large debt loads, being able to use credit responsibly can be critical to your personal and business financial stability and success. For example, having access to financing products can help a business take advantage of investments or manage unexpected cash flow challenges.

When we use the word credit in this module, we are generally referring to business or personal credit history—not capital, financing, or lending. The Money Smart for Small Business Banking Services module provides an overview of the different types of financing options, sources, and products and services provided by banks and others.

Slide 9, Participant Guide page 9

Personal Credit History Versus Business Credit History

Today, we are going to talk about personal credit history and business credit history. Let me explain what I mean by each of these terms.

- Personal credit history. Also called consumer credit history, your personal credit history is a record of your use of credit now and in the past that is reported to consumer credit reporting agencies.

- Business credit history. Also called commercial credit history, your business credit history refers to your business’s record of handling debts and financial obligations that are reported to business credit reporting agencies, including supplier accounts that provide trade credit.

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**The Importance of Credit for a Business**

Reflect and share: Why do you think that personal credit and business credit are important to small businesses?
Instructor Guide

SECTION 1: THE IMPACT OF PERSONAL CREDIT ON MY BUSINESS

Exercise 1: Review a Sample Personal Credit Report
Slide 24, Participant Guide pages 19-20

Sample Personal Credit Report
Instructor: Review the four key sections of the Sample Personal Credit Report on the next page, then answer the questions below.

Is Albert current on all of his accounts? Explain your answer:


Does Albert have any open accounts that are in good standing? If yes, which ones?


Has Albert applied for credit recently?


Does Albert have any public records?


Participant Guide

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A personal credit report has four main sections:

1. Personal or consumer information (e.g., name, addresses, and employment)
2. Credit account summary, including creditor information, account status, amounts owed, account type, and history
3. Public record information (e.g., bankruptcy or foreclosure)
4. Inquiries that have been made to review your credit history
Summary of Improvements Banking & Credit Modules

Pop Quiz

The new versions of the Banking Services and Building Strong Credit modules include the following improvements:

a) Significant structural reorganization
b) Enhanced content
c) Actionable tools
d) b and c
e) a, b, c and so much more!
Resources to help organizations using MSSB
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Accessing the new modules and other MSSB Curriculum

www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
Resources to help organizations using MSSB

Accessing other Money Smart resources

www.fdic.gov/communityaffairs
Preparing for the Training

• Review MSSB Train-the-Trainer

**Materials and Equipment**
You will need the following materials and equipment to present this training:

- [ ] Instructor Guide
- [ ] Participant Guide
- [ ] PowerPoint presentation
- [ ] Audiovisual equipment (computer with software to run the slides, projector, and microphone, if appropriate)
- [ ] Board or easel pad

When preparing your materials and resources, be sure to address the needs of participants who request accommodations.

• Update **For More Information Section** with local resources and add notes based on personal experience
• Prepare for discussions, exercises, and case study analysis.
Promoting the Training

- Seek out Money Smart Alliance members in your community
- Advertise with:
  - Financial institutions
  - SBA and other small business development organizations
  - Community based organizations
  - Community colleges and universities
Training Instruction

- Introductions
- Participant Needs
- Agenda
- Materials
- Ground Rules
- Learning Objectives
- Icons
- Handouts

- Questions
- Expectations
- Parking Lot
- Breaks
- Pre-Post Survey/Before and After
- Evaluation Form
- Adjust timing as needed
Resources to help organizations using MSSB

Discussion: Using and engaging with MSSB Resources

• How do you plan to use MSSB to support entrepreneurs in your work?
Stay Connected!

• Participate in MSSB Town Halls and other Money Smart Events
• Sign up to Money Smart News
• Connect with:
  – Money Smart Alliance Members near you or in the same national program (SBDC, WBC)
  – FDIC Community Affairs Staff
FDIC Small Business Initiatives

- FDIC Community Affairs staff:
  - Connect banks with community leaders to work on shared goals (financial capability, affordable housing and small business development).
  - Support small business stakeholders by helping to strengthen their relationships with banks, resource and government partners: Federal Reserve Bank, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the SBA, or others.
- More on FDIC small business resources at:

  [www.fdic.gov/smallbusiness](http://www.fdic.gov/smallbusiness)

FDIC Small Business Hotline: 1-855-FDIC-BIZ
(1-855-334-2249)
Question and Answer

• What additional questions do you have?
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