



“Road Maps to Savings” From CAR FCU

Whether you are struggling under the weight of credit card debt, using a credit card with a high interest rate, or just looking to save money and pay fewer bills each month, debt consolidation may be the answer you are searching for. Debt Consolidation is the “combining of several unsecured debts into a single, new loan that is more favorable. The new loan may result in a lower interest rate, lower monthly payment or both.”

Credit.com outlines a number of ways to consolidate your debt:

1. *Consolidate to a Low-Interest Credit Card* – “Transfer high-interest rate credit card balances to a single card and save money on monthly finance charges as you pay down your debt.”
2. *Get a Loan From a Local Bank or Credit Union* – “Consolidate your debt with a personal loan from your bank or credit union.”
3. *Get a Consolidation Loan From an Online Lender* – “Choose a reputable lender when applying for a debt consolidation loan online.”
4. *Sign Up For a Debt Management Program* – “With a debt management plan, you make one monthly payment to a credit counseling agency and the agency pays each of your credit card lenders.”

At CAR FCU, we believe that **consolidating to a low-interest credit card** is the way to go! However, there is one major obstacle that you need to overcome: the fees charged by many financial institutions. Most charge around 3%, and some charge even more!

CAR FCU does not charge ANY fees to transfer your debt to our credit card with 7.25% interest. We then pay off your credit cards for you at no cost AND pay you \$50.00!

Before you begin your debt consolidation, make sure to utilize these important tips:

1. Check your credit score.
2. Come up with a plan to get out of debt in 3 to 5 years.
3. Ignore all offers that sounds too good to be true.
4. Don’t apply for too many credit cards at once.

To get started, visit our website to complete the online application: www.carfcu.org.