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When it's time to pay your credit card bill, you skim your credit card statement for the total balance. You check the damage. Ouch. Why do you owe so much? Those other numbers might be a clue, the percentages, the financial terms — if only you knew what they meant. The percentages. The financial terms. The barrage of information is
overwhelming. It's tempting to throw all of it in the recycling, but your statement is a great way to put your statement, you'll have a better
chance of catching it quickly. To help you understand how everything adds up, we outlined each section you're likely to see. Here's what it all means. Sample credit card usage for the month, including how much is owed. The account summary lists all of
the account transactions — payments, credits, purchases, balance transfers, cash advances, fees, interest charges, and amounts past due. It also includes key pieces of information, such as the account number, previous balance, redit limit, and available credit. 2. Payment information Payment information is arguably the most important
section of a credit card statement. It provides the recent balance, minimum payment due, and payment due date is the amount you must pay to remain in good standing. The payment due date is when the credit card issuer must receive your payment. 3. Late-
payment warning An explanation of the fee scale charged for a missed or late payment. If it's your first offense, the card issuer likely won't charge the highest fee amount. The late fee is added to your balance and you could pay interest on it if you carry the balance over. For more information on late payment penalties, check your cardholder
agreement. 4. Minimum-payment warning for how long it will take to pay back the credit card account balance if only minimum payments are made. It may also include a comparison chart showing the effects of paying more than the minimum payment. In this case, the credit card debt will decrease faster. If you're having difficulty making
payments, contact your credit card issuer to discuss options. 5. Rewards program A rewards earnings this month, bonus rewards earned, and the total rewards available. 6. Important changes to the account
A highlight of any changes the credit card issuer plans to enact. It will list the type of change, how it will impact your account, and when it will take effect. Changes might only apply to your situation, such as triggering a penalty APR (annual percentage rate), or might apply to all cardholders. Contact your credit card issuer for more information. 7.
Account activity All of the transactions since your last statement. This section of your statement includes purchases, cash advances, payments, credits, and balance transfers. A detailed breakdown of fees and interest incurred is also included for those who made a cash advance or balance transfers. Credit card companies may organize this section by
the date of transaction, type of transaction, or account user. Pay attention to the account activity section. Review the list of charges carefully to make sure you recognize all of the transactions. Report any unauthorized transactions immediately to the credit card issuer. Remaining vigilant helps protect against mistakes and fraud. 8. Fees and interest
charges A detailed list of the fees and interest charges on an account. Cardholders can pay a hefty price to borrow money from a credit card issuer. There are annual fees, returned payment fees, balance transfer fees, and overlimit fees. Those who carry credit card balances month to
month are also charged interest on the unpaid balance. Interest charges are listed on the statement according to the type of transaction may have a different interest rate. This section of your statement should explain the different interest rates you could be charged. 9.
Year-to-date totals A brief summary of year-to-date totals for interest and fees. Use this information to track how much it actually costs to use your credit card. For instance, paying a large sum in interest might help you reconsider making a purchase if you can't pay the balance in full. What is a credit card statement? A credit card statement, also
called a billing statement, is a monthly summary of your credit card transactions. It details purchases, payments, fees, interest charged, and your current balance. It's important to understand the information included in each section of your statement. When is a credit card statement delivered? A credit card billing statement is delivered to the
account holder at the end of a billing cycle — typically once a month. Expect to receive your statement in a timely manner. The Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (CARD Act) requires a credit card issuer to deliver a billing statement at least 21 days before the monthly payment due date. If they fail to do so, they can't
charge late fees for the billing cycle. Account holder's physical address. Paperless billing is accessed online. Simply sign in to your account to access your electronic credit card statement. Whichever delivery method you prefer, make
sure your credit card issuer has your correct mailing and email address on file so you receive your statement can help you better
understand your spending. It can also help you spot any mistakes or fraud and report them in a timely manner. Skip to main content Learn how to read your monthly statement includes your card type, the names and linked cards of everyone authorized (co-
applicants and authorized users) on the account, and the dates of your credit card statement period. You'll find a list of every transaction will include the transaction that took place during your credit card statement period here. Each transaction will include the transaction that took place during your credit card statement period here.
was processed), a description of the transaction, and the amount of the transaction was in a foreign currency, the foreign currency, amount and exchange rate will also be shown. Any negative amount represents a payment you have made, refund given, or a credit that has been applied to your account. Transactions are separated by
each credit card number under the account, making it easy to see the statement period activity for everyone authorized on the account. Purchases that were installed as part of an Installment plans in the
"Installment Plan Summary" section below. Carefully review your transactions each month. If you don't recognize one or would like to report fraud, you can find the details right here. If your credit card offers Avion points, cash back, WestJet dollars or British Airways Avios, you'll see your monthly activity and updated balance of your rewards
program here. For Avion points, you can also view view a transaction level view of your points in the Avion Rewards app or by logging into Avion Rewards. Have a question about your account? Here you'll find phone numbers for reaching customer service or reporting a lost or stolen card. Remember, you can also report a lost or stolen card in Online
Banking or in the RBC Mobile app. This section also includes the URL of your My Credit Card Page for your card, where you'll find account documentation on payments, your credit limit and interest rates charged on purchases and cash advances, you'll want to look in this section. The
minimum payment is the minimum amount that you must pay by the payment due date to keep your account in good standing. (Tip: You can set up an automated payment or making your payment you and any your payment you and any your payment you and any your payment you and you and
users, taken together, can charge to your account to cover purchases, cash advances, interest and fees. Your available credit is calculated by subtracting the amount you currently owe, plus the amount of any purchases that have been authorized but not yet posted to your account, from your credit limit. If you didn't make the minimum payment in the
previous statement period, the unpaid balance will be shown here as the past due amount. Finally, you'll see your annual interest rates for your card. For additional information on all of the interest rates currently in effect on your card. For additional information on all of the interest rates for your card. For additional information on all of the interest rates currently in effect on your card.
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a payment to your credit card. Your payment will be applied immediately when you pay your credit card balance via Online Banking, the RBC Mobile app, or by calling cards customer service. You can detach the remittance slip from your statement and include it when making your payment by mail or at a branch. Please allow sufficient time for
payments to reach us by the payment due date. This section shows you how long it would take to pay off your total account terms, and is intended for illustration purposes only. This chart lists the interest rates, remaining balances, and expiry dates currently in effect on
advance has been processed. If you are benefitting from any special offers, such as a promotional interest rate on balance transfers or on an installment plan, the related interest rate, it will appear with the promotional interest rate displayed. This section will
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transactions. We calculate your available credit by deducting from your credit limit the outstanding balance on your credit card account including cash advances, installments not yet due, and any purchases we have authorized but not yet posted to your account. As you make new cash advances, purchases or incur new fees or interest on your
account, the amount of available credit for you to use will decrease. As you make payments or receive credit vill increase. You can use the available credit to your RBC banking account. As
balance transfer is treated the same way as a cash advance. The cash advance interest rate is charged starting on the balance transfer. From time to time, you may be eligible to receive a promotional interest rate offer on balance
transfers completed via Online Banking or the RBC Mobile app. The offer details will be provided to you upon eligibility. A promotional interest rate. Otherwise, balance transfer transactions are subject to the $3.50 cash advance fee. RBC BalanceProtector Max
Insurance For more information about your RBC BalanceProtector Max insurance, please see your Certificate of Insurance or call Assurant at 1-888-896-2766 The following types of transactions are treated as cash advances: When you make a cash withdrawal from your credit card at an RBC branch or ATM, or at any other financial institution's
branch or ATM. When you make a balance transfer by transferring all or part of a balance you owe elsewhere to your credit card, through our mobile banking, online banking service or by calling our cards customer service. When you make bill payments from your account (excluding pre-authorized charges that you set up with a merchant) or transfer
funds from your account to another RBC Royal Bank account, at one of our branches or ATMs, or through our Online Banking, the RBC Mobile App, or telephone banking service. When you make cash-like transactions, which are transactions similar to cash. This includes money orders, wire transfers, travellers' cheques and gaming transactions
(including betting, off-track betting, race track wagers, casino gaming chips, and lottery tickets). Interest is always charged from the day the cash advance fee for each transaction will be charged to your account unless the
transaction is a balance transfer made at a promotional interest rate, or otherwise stated: Cash withdrawals from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATM, in Canada. Bill payments from your account at one of our branches or ATMs, or at any other financial institution's ATMs, or at any other financial
maximum amount you and any co-applicant and/or authorized user, taken together, can charge to your account for purchases, cash advances, interest and fees. As the charges on your account increase, the amount of available credit for all of you to use will decrease. We calculate how much credit you have available by deducting from your credit limit
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future statement periods. This amount therefore does not include the monthly principal due on your most recent monthly statement. See your "Installment Plan Summary" for details. Interest is the amount charged to you for borrowing money by the use of your credit card to pay for your purchases or to withdraw as a cash advance. If you do
not pay your new balance in full by the due date, you will pay interest on the remaining unpaid amount. For some transactions, including cash advances and balance transfers, interest starts accruing the date the transaction takes place, and is always charged. Interest-free Grace Period The grace period is the number of days you have to pay off new
purchases and fees before interest is charged. Interest-free grace periods are typically 21 days, but may vary. There is no interest-free period for cash advances (including cash-like transactions, and balance transfers). The minimum payment is the minimum amount you are required to pay by your statement's due date to ensure your account remains
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Plan, it is the portion of the original purchase to be repaid each month. Your new balance is equal to your total account balance as of your statement plans, then your total account balance and your new balance will be the same amount. Your
new balance is the amount you will need to pay by the payment due date in order avoid interest charges on new purchases and fees. This is a fee that, if applicable, is charged when you set up your installment plan. Other Fees Some transactions on your credit card may be charged an associated fee (cash advance, overlimit, installment plan, etc.).
Your fees will be included in your transaction summary, as well as totaled in your "Calculating Your Balance" section of your statement. Over limit fee You are overlimit if your total account balance exceeds your credit limit at any time during your monthly statement period. Should you go over limit, an over limit fee will be charged to
your account. This fee does not apply to the RBC Avion Visa Infinite Privilege or RBC Avion Visa Infinite Privilege for Private Banking accounts, nor does it apply if you reside in Quebec. We may, at any time, refuse to authorize transactions in excess of your credit limit.
If the minimum payment from the previous statement is not fully paid by the due date and not received by the time we prepare your statement. Payment Due Date Your payment due date is the date when your minimum payment is due.
To avoid interest charges on new purchases and fees (other than those purchases converted to an Installment Plan), you should pay your new balance in full each month. Due dates are at least 21 days after the end of the previous statement period. Payments and Credits Payments are the amount of money transferred to your credit card to pay off your
credit card balance. Credits are processed when a transaction has been reversed on your account, for example a refund of a purchase previously made on the card. The credit values are subtracted from your last credit card statement
If you have an installment plan, your account balance includes installments not yet due. Purchases and Debits These consist of purchases, fees, interest, pre-authorized payment in a branch or sending a payment by mail? Be sure to detach
your remittance slip from your statement and include it with the payment to ensure your account is properly credited. Each monthly statement date). Your total account balance is made up of your previous
account balance, plus all new purchases and debits, cash advances, interest, and fees shown on your statement date. If you have an Installment Plan(s), your total account balance also includes installments not yet due. What is the Minimum
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you'll never need to worry about making your payment on time) In person at an RBC Royal Bank branch At an RBC Royal Bank ATM that processes payments by calling 1-800-769-2512 By mail At the branch of another financial institution Make sure to allow sufficient time for payments to reach us by the payment due date. Where can I find my annual
interest rate? Your annual interest rate can be found on the first page of your statement in the "Payments & Interest Rates Section" for both purchases and cash advances. Promotional or other interest rate can be found on the "Interest Rates Section" for both purchases and cash advances.
is the maximum amount that you and any co-applicants and/or authorized users, taken together, can charge to your account to cover purchases, the amount of credit available will go up and down. What is the difference between my transaction date and
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end date, but if your payment due date falls on a weekend or a holiday, we will move the payment due date to the next business day. What do I do if I suspect fraud on my credit card? If you should call us right away at 1-800-769-2512. You can also temporarily lock your card through the RBC Mobile app or RBC Online Banking.
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see my loyalty program (Avion Rewards, Avios, Asia Miles and WestJet Dollars,, Cashback etc.) balance? Your monthly statement includes a summary of all loyalty program activity from the current statement period in the "Rewards Summary" section. Information in this box will include your previous loyalty program balance, and "points" or
"cashback" earned in the statement period, any redemptions, as well as your balance as of the end of the statement period. For Avion Rewards and reviewing your Point Activity or in the Avion Rewards app. How and when does Offers credit my cash back or
points? If you've loaded an offer to your debit or credit card, once you make your qualifying purchase, your cash savings offer will automatically appear as a credit on your bonus points offer will be deposited to your Avion Rewards account in
as fast as 2 business days. Please refer to the offer details for the exact amount of time it will take to receive your bonus points. Where can I see my interest amount charged to your account. For example, if you were charged interest for
cash advances and purchases, you will see two separate lines with the corresponding interest rate, and the dollar amount charged at the end of the statement date? Changing your statement date can be done by giving us a call at 1-800-769-2512. How do I dispute a transaction on my
statement? If your dispute is with the merchant, please contact the store or merchant directly to resolve the issue. If you suspect that your RBC Royal Bank credit card has been used without your knowledge or consent, please call customer service immediately at 1-800-769-2512 and an advisor will help you. View Legal DisclaimerHide Legal
Disclaimer Legal disclaimer double dagger †† 7 Year archive starts from the first statement produced after November 14, 2006 (the launch of this service). Close Hey there! Do you ever get that "lost in translation" feeling when you look at your credit card statement? You're not alone! Lots of us find all those numbers, terms, and dates pretty
overwhelming. But understanding your credit card statement is super important for managing your money smartly. It's not just a bill—it's a window into your spending habits and a tool to help you take charge of your finances. In this article, we'll take apart the key parts of your credit card statement in a way that's easy to understand. From interest
rates to due dates, we'll walk you through seven essential tips to decode what can seem like financial gibberish. With some clear examples, you'll feel more confident in reading these statements and be better prepared to handle your credit wisely. So let's jump in and turn those confusing numbers into something nice and clear! Buy Now -
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might prompt you to reconsider those impulse buys. By organizing and keeping track of this info over time, you can spot trends and start making more mindful decisions about your spending. Many Filipinos don't pay much attention to the interest rates on their statements, but they have a big impact. By understanding how interest is calculated based
on your balance and payment history, you can devise strategies to minimize your debt. Whether it's adjusting when you make payments or finding ways to consolidate higher-interest cards, really understanding these numbers turns them from something your statement
doesn't just help you avoid surprises - it also helps you build better financial habits. It puts you in control of both your day-to-day spending and your credit card statement to stay on top of your finances. The Transaction Summary is
a key part, showing your purchases, payments, and any fees. For example, you might see entries like Grocery Store - $2,000. This helps you see where your money is going so you can make smart choices. Another important part is the Minimum Payment Due, which tells you the least amount you need to
pay to avoid penalties. If your minimum payment is $\frac{2}{3},000$, but you owe $\frac{2}{15},000$, it's a sign you should pay more to avoid high interest. Lastly, check the Reward Points summary. For example, if you've earned 5% cash back on dining, like $\frac{2}{3}000$, but you owe $\frac{2}{15},000$, it's a sign you should pay more to avoid high interest. Lastly, check the Reward Points summary.
control of your finances! 2. Decoding Transaction Descriptions Deciphering the descriptions on your credit card statement can be a bit like solving a mystery. It's important to get familiar with the abbreviations and terms you might come across. For example, a charge from "SM Supermall" might be from buying groceries at SM Hypermarket for
P1,500, while a charge from the online shopping portal "Lazada" could be from an online clothing purchase worth P2,200. Knowing these patterns not only helps you understand your expenses better but also allows you to keep track of your spending habits. Also, watch out for any unexpected fees hidden in those descriptions. A transaction labeled as
Philippine Airlines for $\tilde{P}35,000 could include additional charges like baggage fees or insurance, not just the flight cost. Understanding what each entry refers to empowers you to dispute any mistakes and manage your finances more effectively. By regularly reviewing these descriptions each month, you'll become more aware of where your money is
going, which is super important in today's fast-paced financial world. 3. Interest Rates and Fees Explained Understanding interest rates and fees is really important when it comes to managing your credit card. In the Philippines, most credit card and the
issuer. For example, if you have a balance of $\mathbb{P}10,000$ with a 30% APR for one month without making any payments, you'd end up owing about $\mathbb{P}250$ in interest. That might not sound like a lot, but it can add up if you don't keep up with it. It's also important to be aware of other fees that come with using your credit card, like late payment fees or cash
advance charges. If you miss your payment deadline, you might be charged around $\mathbb{P}$1,200, and cash advances often come with a big fee plus interest calculated from the date you withdraw the eash, not just at the end of the billing cycle. This means that using your credit card for quick cash without planning to pay it back right away can lead to
expensive financial problems and make it hard to stick to your budget. 4. Minimum Payment vs. Full Balance When it comes to using credit cards in the Philippines, it's really important to understand the difference between making the minimum payment and paying off the full balance. Let's break it down: If you have a total balance of $\mathbb{P}$10,000 and
your credit card company asks for a minimum payment of 3%, that's just $\mathbb{P}300$. It might seem doable every month, but here's the catch - only paying the minimum means you're actually borrowing money at high interest rates, sometimes exceeding 30% annually. Over time, those small monthly payments can drag you deeper into debt as more of your
 hard-earned peso goes toward interest rather than reducing your actual debt. On the other hand, if you clear the full $10,000 balance each month by the due date, you not only stay on good terms with your credit card company but also build up a positive credit history. Plus, you'll avoid any interest charges—a super-smart move, especially in today's
economy where debts can be really costly. Paying in full allows you to use your credit card responsibly, enjoy rewards programs, and avoid falling into financial traps—a perfect balance for smart spenders who want to boost their purchasing power while keeping their finances in good shape. 5. How to Spot Unauthorized Charges Keeping an eye on
your credit card statement is super important for catching any charges that you didn't make. It's more common than you might think! Start by getting to know your usual transactions, like your Netflix subscription (around $\frac{P}400$) or dining out at your favorite spot. If you spot any unexpected charges, like $\frac{P}2,500$ from a place you don't recognize, it's a
 sign to look into it further. To make things easier, keep your receipts and notes organized to track your expenses. If you see a charge from "XYZ MALL" for \textbf{?}3,000 but you don't remember going there, take action right away: check your previous purchases or ask family members if they used your card. Also, many digital banking apps can send you
alerts for unusual spending—make sure to turn these on to catch any problems early. Being proactive and keeping an eye on things helps you catch any potential fraud before it becomes a big deal. 6. Rewards Points and Benefits Breakdown It's important to know about the rewards points and perks you can get from using your credit card. For
example, if you spend $\frac{P}2,000 on dining and your card gives you 1 point for every $\frac{P}20$ spent, you could earn 100 points. Some banks even have special deals, like getting double points can be used for cool stuff like cashback, travel discounts, or youchers for
plans! 7. Key Terms Explained: APR, Balance, Fees Let's talk about APR or Annual Percentage Rate. It's a really important term because it tells you the yearly interest rate charged on your outstanding balance. For example, if you have a balance of $\mathbb{P}$10,000 on your credit card with an APR of 20%, you might end up paying around $\mathbb{P}$2,000 in interest rate charged on your outstanding balance.
over a year if you don't make extra purchases or payments. Understanding APR helps you make smart decisions about how much debt to carry and when to pay it off. Making timely payments can really save you from unnecessary costs. Your credit card balance is the total amount you owe at any given time. So, whether it's from groceries or a
shopping spree, if your balance reaches $\mathbb{P}$1,000, be aware of the fees—they can quickly add up and affect your financial health can help you manage your
expenses better and improve your credit score over time. Tips for Managing Your Credit card Usage When it comes to managing your credit card usage in the Philippines, it's super important for your financial well-being. One great tip is to set a spending limit that fits with what you make and spend each month. For example, if you bring in $\mathbb{P}$30,000
 monthly, think about capping your credit card expenses at $5,000 to steer clear of getting into debt trouble. This helps you spend mindfully on important stuff while still having some room for unexpected costs now and then. Another helpful idea is to use the pay-in-full option whenever you can. If you've got a $10,000 bill due this month but can only
pay $\bar{P}$3,000 at a time, you might start racking up interest charges you don't need. Instead, try to save up for upcoming bills and only use what you can comfortably pay back each month. Using budgeting apps can be a real game-changer, helping you keep an eye on your spending and making sure you don't overspend, while also making sure you pay
on time for a great credit score. Sample Statements for Better Comprehension Understanding your credit card statement is super important! For instance, when it says "minimum payment required," it's essential to know that choosing this option could lead to higher long-term debt due to accruing interest. For example, if your statement reads
"Minimum Payment Due: $1,500," you should pay close attention not only to the amount you owe but also to what you could end up losing. It's also crucial to be able to identify transaction descriptions effectively. For instance, if you see "Palawan Express Pera Padala - $2,000," it means an outbound remittance. Knowing whether this transaction was
a personal expense or a legitimate transfer can really help with your budgeting decisions. By understanding these details in your statements, like fees listed as "annual membership fee" or cash advances noted under "cash withdrawal charges," you can learn a lot about your spending habits and find ways to maximize your savings. Mastering these
skills will make you an expert at analyzing credit statement and help you take charge of your finances like a pro! Conclusion: How Filipinos Can Master Their Credit card statement is not just about crunching numbers; it's about giving yourself the power to make important financial
decisions. If you're from the Philippines, here are a few practical tips that match your unique spending habits and lifestyle. One key tip is to categorize your transactions. By organizing things like groceries, utilities, and entertainment, you can easily see where most of your money is going, making it easier to manage your budget. Understanding your
card provider's billing cycle and grace period can also help you avoid paying unnecessary interest charges early on, so you can keep your hard-earned cash where it belongs—in your pocket. Lastly, setting up alerts for due dates or overspending can help you
take a proactive approach to managing your finances, making it easier to stay on top of things. Having a credit card is great when you're out and about using it - all you have to do is swipe it at the counter of your favourite retailer to get whatever you want... within the credit limit of course. But towards the end of the month, all that joy over your new
purchases diminishes with the arrival of a certain document. Yes, I'm talking about your credit card statement! It doesn't matter whether your credit card statement (or worse,
throw it away!), you're setting yourself up for some serious financial pain down the road. Although credit card statement date shows when your statement was
sent by the financial institution (FI) or bank that issued your credit card(s). Your statement date also represents the last day that transaction with your card were recorded. 2. Transaction Date The transaction with your card were recorded. 2. Transaction Date The transaction Date
retailer. Keep in mind that finance charges and payments made to the credit card issuer will also be reflected in the description by a general term such as "PAYMENT -THANK YOU" or "FINANCE CHARGE". *Note: If you have multiple credit cards with a particular FI or bank, the purchase descriptions will be divided by the credit card number and/or
user if a supplementary credit card has been issued. Example: John Tan 4544-XXXX-XXXX-6552 / Evelyn Tan 4544-XXXX-XXXX-6552 / Evelyn Tan 4544-XXXX-XXXX-6711 * Note: If you have made a purchase in a foreign currency, this will be reflected in the amount as well, followed by the transaction amount in SGD (keep in mind transaction fees ranging from 2.5% to 3% will be factored
into the amount). 4. Total Account Balance on your credit card statement balance on your credit card statement balance, payments and purchases. 5. Minimum payment is the absolute minimum you can pay on your credit card balance. The minimum will be
either 3% of your outstanding balance or $50, whichever is higher. 6. Payment Due Date The payment due date is the last day you can make payment by no later than close of business the day it's due (typically 5pm same day). 7. Total Credit Limit The total credit line on your
statement represents how much you can "borrow" under one or more credit card accounts with the credit card issuer. Example: Credit Limit (SGD) 10,000.00 Even if you honestly can't comprehend an item (or several) within your credit card statement, the FI or bank issuing the card won't see your misunderstanding as a valid excuse to miss a
payment or underpay. Recommend using a real/sample credit card statement and colour coding the items above with the sections that relate to them on the real/sample statement. Not Featured Rewards Summary If your credit card has a rewards programme, the tally of the points you earned previously, earned during the statement month and
redeemed will be present. Example: Previous Earned Points
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credit card account. In just a few pages, you might find topics from payments to rewards. That makes your credit card statement a helpful tool to track spending, confirm payment details and identify unauthorized charges. So it helps to know how to read it to get the most out of the information. Key takeaways If you have a credit card, the law
requires your issuer to provide a monthly statement when there is account activity. Credit card statements might be mailed or provided digitally. Statements are generally divided into different sections to provide account notifications, important
information and other terms and conditions. A payment information box appears near the top of your credit card statement. Here, you'll likely find: Payment due date: A payment toward your balance must be made on or before this date. New balance: Sometimes also called a statement balance, this is the total of the payments and credits, fees,
interest and unpaid balances on your card since your last billing cycle. Minimum payment due: If you're unable to pay the full balance, you can pay at least this amount to avoid a late fee and keep your account in good standing. Just remember, by paying only the minimum, you could incur interest charges and increase the time it takes to pay off your
balance. Late payment warning: Depending on your issuer, you may be charged a fee for late payments. This lets you know what that fee could be. Some issuers may also charge increased interest, also referred to as a penalty rate. If so, you may see that rate listed here as well. Minimum payment warning: The amount you pay each month can impact
how long it takes you to pay off your balance in full. The minimum payment warning shows how much you could wind up paying in interest. The account summary provides a snapshot of your account activity during the latest
billing period. Most summaries begin with your balance at the end of the last billing cycle. You may also see a reminder about your credit limit and how much is still available. Other line items could include: Payments Account credits Transactions Fees Interest charges Credit available for cash advance Further down your statement, you'll find more about your credit limit and how much is still available.
details about each of these in the transactions section. If you have a rewards credit card, your statement might summarize your rewards. It might include: Your current billing period The transactions section is where issuers list all
the details of your account summary. Depending on the lender, you may see transactions grouped by date or type. Either way, this will likely include: Payments you made on your account during the last billing cycle. Account credits: This can include refunds, earned rewards or mistakes that have been credited back to you. Fees:
Issuers are required to provide details about any fees you owe. These could include things like late payment fees or your card's annual fee. You may also see balance from a previous statement, you'll likely be charged interest. But interest is also typically charged on transactions
like cash advances and balance transfers, starting from the date of the transaction. Paying your balance from month to month. Balance transfers: If you transferred funds from a different account to your credit card, the amount you still owe will
be shown here. Cash advances: This details any cash you withdrew on your account. This section shows how much you've been charged in fees and interest for the current year to date. This details any cash you withdrew on your balance. And remember, paying
your full balance each month could help you pay less in interest and fees. Usually found near the end of your statement, this section explains your card's interest rates and the amount of interest rates.
your account. If you're a Capital One cardholder, you might see explanations of fees, interest charges or your AutoPay selections. You might also see more general information, like how to contact customer service or use digital tools to find out about recent updates. If you have a Capital One account, you can also go paperless. It takes just a few taps
to switch to paperless statements, which can reduce clutter and eliminate the risk of your statement getting lost or stolen in the account summary or payment information section. The summary shows the charges and credits since
your previous balance or the balance at the end of the last billing period. The payment information shows the new balance, the minimum payment due and the payment due date. Most credit card issuers give customers the opportunity to request a paper copy or view their statements online. Capital One customers can access theirs through the Capital
One Mobile app or by signing in to their online account. How can I dispute billing errors? The Fair Credit Billing errors without harming their credit card issuer within 60 days of getting your credit card statement. Some creditors may
ask you to contact the merchant first. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers a sample dispute letter that consumers can use to notify the card issuer in writing. Reading your credit card statement can help you stay on top of your spending and any changes to your account. To get a clearer understanding of how it all works, you can check out
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