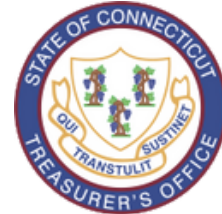
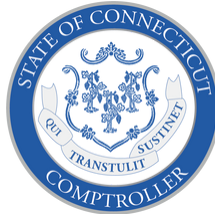


COMPTROLLER-TREASURER FINANCIAL LITERACY CHECKLIST



APRIL IS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH!

A joint effort between State Comptroller Sean Scanlon and State Treasurer Erick Russell, the C-T Financial Literacy Checklist challenges Connecticut residents to take ownership of their financial futures by engaging in the following tasks.



CHECK YOUR CREDIT SCORE

Checking your credit score at least once a year is important to ensuring there are no errors negatively impacting your ability to do things like get a loan or rent a home.



OPEN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Savings accounts store money you don't immediately need access to, and they even accrue interest over time. Already have one? Make a deposit this month!



OPEN A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

You are never too young to start saving for retirement. Whether through a program your employer offers or the state-run MyCT Savings, open an account-- or make an additional deposit in one you already have-- today!



CREATE A MONTHLY BUDGET

It is important to have a clear idea of your income and expenses. This means not only tracking what you make at work, but also what you might estimate for things like gifts, and side-jobs. For expenses, start with the big things like rent and car payments, but also think about food, gas, recreation, and more.



ESTABLISH A SAVINGS GOAL

Start saving for something important. Whether it is a child's education, a personal emergency fund, or a vacation-- set a goal and start saving today!

Have questions about how to accomplish a checklist item?
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