

IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION

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Common Terms and Definitions

Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA):

A federal regulation which requires lenders to promote the availability of credit to all creditworthy applicants without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract); to whether all or part of the applicant's income derives from a public assistance program; or to whether the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The regulation prohibits creditor practices that discriminate on the basis of any of these factors.

Contract:

A written binding document, describing terms of an agreement between two or more persons. (Keep all paperwork. Later, if there are any questions, you will have your agreement in writing.)

Principal:

The amount of money owed on a debt, on which interest is calculated.

Interest:

The cost of borrowing money, generally a percentage of the amount owed.

Annual Percentage Rate (APR):

The cost of your credit as a yearly rate. This measures the cost of credit expressed as a yearly interest rate. APR is a combination of the interest rate plus the fees charged on your loan. APR is higher than the interest rate because it includes both fees and interest as finance charges. It is intended to provide a single value for a consumer to compare the cost of credit between one lender and another. Under New Mexico law, the APR for a loan in an amount of \$5,000 or less made pursuant to the Small Loan Act of 1955 or the Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 cannot exceed one hundred seventy-five percent, effective January 1, 2018.

Collateral:

Security pledged by a borrower to protect the interests of the lender; in case of default, the lender may take ownership of the security, if any, pledged by the borrower.

Balance:

The total amount of money owed to a lender.

Finance Charge:

The dollar amount the credit will cost you. Finance charges include interest, and may also include transaction fees and service fees.



Default:

Failure to pay a debt as agreed to on a contract. When a loan is in default, the lender may demand full payment of the remaining debt.

Credit History:

A record containing information about you, including your payment history on previous debts.

Credit Bureau:

A private company that keeps a record of your credit history for distribution upon request by authorized parties. When you apply for credit, a lender may request a credit report to review when considering your application.

Credit Report:

A report of the credit history and other information about you that is kept by credit bureaus, which may include: your name, address, social security number, payment history (good and bad), current and previous debts, employers, income, etc. Accurate information on a credit report may not be legally removed. Incorrect information may be removed by disputing the information to the credit bureau involved.



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New Mexico Regulation and
Licensing Department,
Financial Institutions Division,

P.O. Box 25101
2550 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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LOAN RATES AND FEES

BELOW IS GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING ALL RATES AND FEES THAT WILL ASSIST YOU IN MAKING YOUR LOAN DECISION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK. MAKE CERTAIN THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU ASK ARE ANSWERED. MAKE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND COSTS OF YOUR LOAN.

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)

The cost of your credit as a yearly rate. APR is a combination of the interest rate plus the fees charged on your loan. APR is higher than the interest rate because it includes both fees and interest as finance charges.

Your actual terms and the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) will be determined at the time your application is submitted and will be based upon your application and credit information. Not all applicants will qualify for the lowest rate.

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FEES

A list of all additional fees that you may be charged.

Origination Fee: There is no origination fee for this program.	Returned Check Charge: \$25.
Late Charges: If you do not make your monthly payment within 15 days of the due date, you will be assessed a late charge equal to 5% of the unpaid amount of the monthly payment or \$25, whichever is less.	Collection and Default Charges: In the event of a default, you may incur additional collection charges as permitted under applicable law.

TO REPORT A PROBLEM OR COMPLAINT WITH THIS LENDER, YOU MAY WRITE OR CALL:

**Ascent Funding, LLC
d/b/a Ascent Student Loans
Attn: Customer Service
501 W. Broadway, Suite A150
San Diego, CA 92101
877-216-0876**

**To send us an email please visit:
<https://ascentstudentloans.com/contact/>**



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SMALL LOAN COMPANY LICENSE

License Number: 02211

**Issued by:
State of New Mexico
Regulation and Licensing Department
Financial Institutions Division**

This is to Certify that: **Ascent Funding LLC**
d/b/a: **Ascent Student Loans**

With its office at: **402 West Broadway 20th Floor**
San Diego, CA 92101

Has qualified under the provisions of the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955, and authority is hereby granted to operate a loan business at the above address only, in conformity with the provisions of said Act.

The license constitutes and shall be construed as a grant of revocable privilege only to be held and enjoyed subject to conditions, restrictions and limitations contained in said Act and the lawful rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Financial Institutions Division, there under and not otherwise.

This license expires 06/30/2021, and is not transferable or assignable.

Signed in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 11, 2020



Christopher Moya
Director