

Key Terms to Assess the Total Cost

Account Establishment Fee: A one-time charge for setting up an account or loan.

Administration Fee: A fee for overseeing or maintaining services.

Annual Fee: A yearly charge for keeping a financial product or service, such as a credit card or loan. This fee is typically applied regardless of usage or balance.

Application Fee: A fee for submitting a loan application.

APR (Annual Percentage Rate): The early interest rate applied to a loan or credit card, expressed as a percentage. It does not include all potential costs, such as late fees or overdrafts, which can affect the total borrowing cost.

Documentation Fee: A fee for preparing or processing loan documents.

Donation: A voluntary financial contribution made through a fintech platform to support a cause or organization.

Installment Fee: A fee for breaking up a payment into smaller, scheduled payments.

Interest: The cost of borrowing money, typically expressed as a percentage of the principal amount and charged over time.

Late Fee: A fee charged when a payment is made after the due date.

Maintenance Fee: A recurring charge for the upkeep or ongoing service of an account.

Minimum Open Deposit: The smallest amount required to open an account.

Origination Fees: An initial charge to process a loan application, usually a percentage of the total loan amount. It covers the cost of evaluating and approving the loan.

Overdraft Fees: A charge for spending more than the available funds in an account.

Payment Rescheduling Fee: A fee for altering a payment schedule.

Penalty Fee: A fee for violating terms or conditions, such as exceeding a credit limit or failing to meet other requirements.

Service Fee: A charge for providing a specific service or maintaining access to certain features, like payment processing or account management.

Subscription Fee: A regular charge for ongoing access to a product or service, typically billed monthly or annually.

Tip: An optional additional payment, typically given via fintech platforms as a gesture of appreciation for services rendered.

Transaction Fee: A charge for processing a transaction, which may apply to "instant" transactions.

User Card Fee: A fee for the issuance or use of a card.

Withdrawal Fee: A fee for withdrawing funds from an account, which can vary depending on the withdrawal method or amount.