

# MoneySENSE Core Financial Capabilities Framework

The MoneySENSE Core Financial Capabilities Framework sets out five core financial capabilities that can help consumers work towards managing cash flow, buying a home within their means, providing for their healthcare needs and having sufficient income for life.

The framework can be useful for financial educators when shaping learning outcomes for financial education programmes for consumers.

## About the Core Financial Capabilities

The core financial capabilities build on and complement MoneySENSE's three tiers of financial literacy content – basic money management, financial planning and investment know-how. The capabilities aim to help consumers apply the information across the three tiers when making financial decisions.



The five core financial capabilities are:

- **Understanding money** is about having the numeracy skills to evaluate the costs and benefits of options available. It is also about understanding how economic conditions can affect consumers.

- **Understanding yourself, your rights and responsibilities** is about knowing how personal circumstances, like how much a person earns, his or her age, the number of children he or she has, affect his or her financial decisions. It is also important to know your rights and responsibilities as a consumer.
- **Managing everyday money** is about being able to budget, to live within one's means and to use credit facilities responsibly (e.g. for major items like buying a home).
- **Planning ahead** is about being able to put together a financial plan to help one manage one's resources (e.g. income, debt, savings and investments) prudently.
- **Selecting financial products** is about understanding the purpose, features, risks and costs of common financial products (e.g. debit and credit cards, loans, insurance, and investments), the key factors to consider and questions to ask before deciding whether to take up a product.

### Resources for Consumers

Various resources are available for consumers. These include educational articles, radio and television programmes, seminars, online financial calculators and tools. For more information, please refer to:

- MoneySENSE: [www.moneysense.gov.sg](http://www.moneysense.gov.sg)
- IMSavvy: [www.imsavvy.sg](http://www.imsavvy.sg)
- Central Provident Fund Board: [www.cpf.gov.sg](http://www.cpf.gov.sg)

Further, the MoneySENSE-Singapore Polytechnic Institute for Financial Literacy will conduct talks and workshops for the public. For more information, please refer to [www.finlit.sg](http://www.finlit.sg)

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