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Are you struggling with less-than-ideal credit and looking for ways to restore it? You could consider getting the services of a credit repair company.

You can try improving bad credit yourself, but legitimate credit repair companies are more experienced in dealing with reporting agencies.

Read on to learn about credit repair companies in Canada, how they can help you, the costs, and their pros and cons.

Key Takeaways

- Credit repair companies work to restore or fix your credit report by disputing inaccurate information on your credit history to improve yourcredit score.
- Fixing your credit yourself is possible but may take longer than if you work with a credit repair company. However, watch out for the manyscammers masquerading as legit credit repair companies.
- An improved credit score is vital for getting the best interest rates and affordable loans.

What is a Credit Repair Company?

A credit repair company is a service that works to fix, restore or <u>improve your credit score</u> by disputing inaccuracies on your credit report — for a fee. The process involves fixing your credit history, which may have failed for one reason or another.

Repairing credit often entails disputing incorrect information that credit reporting agencies share with lenders and creditors and asking them to removeit. Or, it may involve more critical caseslike resolving problems caused by identity theft.

How Do Credit Repair Companies Work in Canada?

When you have decided on a credit repair company, the first thing it usually does is pull your credit file from the credit bureaus.

The company will then go through the credit reports with you, explain the contents of the documents, review them for inaccuracies and identify issuesthat negatively impact your credit score.

If there are inaccurate items that credit agencies must remove, the credit repair company will negotiate it for you.

Together with the credit repair company, you will start a dispute with the reporting agencies and gather documents and statements supporting yourclaim.

Some of the most common disputes and removals are as follows:

- Bad credit
- Low credit score
- Charge-offs