

Questions to ask a Bankruptcy Trustee

What is the difference between credit counselling and bankruptcy? Credit Counselling is an alternative to filing for bankruptcy. Bankruptcy is a legal process handled by a bankruptcy Trustee and your credit rating remains at its lowest for 7 years. Credit counselling is a not-for profit voluntary program, and depending on the length of repayment time (usually four years), your record is clear two years from successful repayment date.

How does declaring bankruptcy affect me?

What could I lose if I go bankrupt?

- Money
- Cars
- Tools
- Furniture
- House
- Anything else?

What do I do if I go bankrupt?

What happens to my credit rating?

How does bankruptcy work and who decides if I should go bankrupt?

Can my spouse/partner's debts be included?

Can my wages or bank accounts be garnished?

What will I have to do if I go bankrupt?

I've heard I will have to attend counselling sessions:

- Do I have to go?
- How long are they?
- Who will give them and how will they be presented? (group workshops, individual sessions, booklet, video, other?)
- What are they about, how will they help me?

Who do I contact if I have questions?

What hours are services available?

How much will there have to be in my estate before my bankruptcy is over?

How long will I be in bankruptcy?

Is there a cost and if so how much is it?

Does the cost include: Court fees, GST, Counselling sessions, Trustee fees, anything else?

Who gets paid first, the trustee or the creditors?

How will I pay for it?

What can I do if I don't have this much money?

What other options do I have?

- Debt Management Program
- Consumer Proposals

Choosing to resolve your debt situation through bankruptcy is an important decision. Before you decide,

be sure you understand:

- How declaring bankruptcy affects you
- What it will cost & how it works
- What other options may be available to you