

# TransUnion Enables Free Credit Education via the New Lowell App

**17 May 2022:** TransUnion has strengthened its partnership with Lowell, one of the largest credit management companies in Europe, to provide its UK customers with a personalised toolset for monitoring and improving their financial standing via the Lowell app for free.

Lowell aims to help make credit work better for all and is partnering with a leading global information and insights company, TransUnion, to help people understand the importance of credit information, which is particularly important as UK consumers deal with the cost of living increase.

Recent research for TransUnion's <u>Consumer Credit 2022</u> white paper showed that six in 10 people in the UK are feeling the pressure of the rising cost of living, which makes it harder for them to improve their financial position<sup>i</sup>. The partnership between Lowell and TransUnion will support Lowell customers in overcoming difficulties and navigating the path to their financial recovery.

Kelli Fielding, managing director of consumer interactive at TransUnion in the UK, said: "We're delighted to expand on our long-standing relationship with Lowell to give financially vulnerable customers access to their credit information via the new Lowell app. Keeping a keen eye on your credit score is a quick and easy way to monitor your financial situation and improve your financial health. With TransUnion data now available in Lowell's app, customers are just a click away from the insights that can help them build their credit score and better manage their finances."

TransUnion's data has confirmed the benefits of regularly checking credit scores, showing that more than half (53%) of self-monitoring consumers increased their credit score in six months and became eligible for new products<sup>ii</sup>. TransUnion's recent Consumer Credit report highlighted that over a quarter (26%) of people in the UK take advantage of action steps available to improve their financial standing<sup>i</sup>.

Powered by TransUnion's <u>CreditView</u> platform, Lowell's Credit Information Services are available via the new <u>Lowell app</u> on mobile and tablet devices for free, giving customers a clear understanding of what their credit score means, as well as how to take steps to improve it if necessary.



John Pears, CEO at Lowell said: "Perceptions of the importance of credit monitoring differ, both by generation and geographically across the UK, with many not knowing how or why to check their credit scores. By joining forces with TransUnion to provide our customers with access to their credit information, we are helping to address these gaps in awareness head-on. Our customers will be able to view their 72-month credit score history for free, as well as the aspects that impact their scores – both positively and negatively – in turn empowering them to make better financial decisions."

Credit Information Services include a credit summary with key metrics like current balances, debts and presence on the electoral register, as well as full credit reports, queries and educational materials.

This is the first in a series of credit education tools that Lowell is launching with TransUnion.

For more on TransUnion's CreditView, a fully hosted, flexible and customer-labelled solution, visit: <a href="https://www.transunion.co.uk/product/credit-view">https://www.transunion.co.uk/product/credit-view</a>

For further details about the Lowell app, visit: <a href="https://www.lowell.co.uk/mobile-app/">https://www.lowell.co.uk/mobile-app/</a>

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<sup>i</sup> TransUnion Consumer Credit 2022, based on research conducted among 2,000 UK consumers, aged 18 and over, January 2022

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TransUnion is a global information and insights company that makes trust possible in the modern economy. We do this by providing an actionable picture of each person so they can be reliably represented in the marketplace. As a result, businesses and consumers can transact with confidence and achieve great things. We call this Information for Good.® A leading presence in more than 30 countries across five continents, TransUnion provides solutions that help create economic opportunity, great experiences and personal empowerment for hundreds of millions of people. In the UK, TransUnion is a leading credit reference agency (CRA) and we offer specialist services in fraud, identity and risk management, automated decisioning and demographics. We support organisations across a wide variety of sectors including finance, retail, telecommunications, utilities, gaming, government and insurance.

### **About Lowell**

Lowell is one of the largest credit management services companies in the UK and Europe. Headquartered in Leeds, Lowell employs over 1,500 people in the UK and 4,000 across Europe. Lowell is at the forefront of consumer credit and credit collections in the UK, with its fair and ethical collection practices of no interest, fees or charges extending across its 9.5m UK accounts. Lowell's mission to make credit work better for all has seen it pioneer award-winning vulnerability strategies and continue to focus on driving change in the industry through its own practices, technological innovation and engagement on key personal finance issues for customers. Find out more about Lowell <a href="here.">here.</a>

TransUnion's Analysis of Self-Monitoring Consumers, 2021