

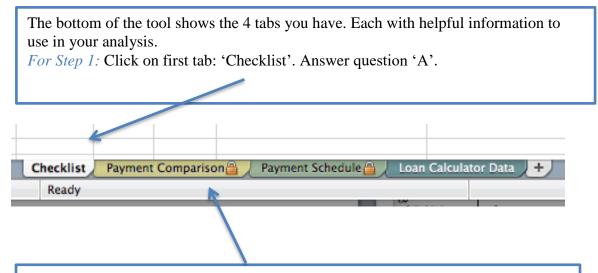
How To Use The Usand Loan Analysis Tool

Successful companies are always analyzing where they have been and where they are currently before making key future planning decisions.

Use our Loan Analysis tool to help you with that. It will help you gather the right information and then calculate the numbers most useful in guiding your company's next steps and new loan decisions.

- Step 1: Go through the Loan Checklist
- Step 2: Use the Payment Comparison to figure out loan costs
- *Step 3:* Use numbers gathered from the Checklist and from the Payment Comparison to fill in the helpful chart provided
- Step 4: Calculate the Net Financial Benefit
- *Step 5:* Fill in the Payment Schedule to understand how quickly you will be able to pay your loan off.

Using the Results: Use the numbers in your analysis and decision making



For Step 2: Look at question 'B' on the 'Checklist' tab. Click on the 'Payment Comparison' tab. Once in the tab (see picture below) you can use the tool to calculate the costs of your loan by changing values in the chart to reflect the loan you are considering. Fill in the Loan Amount, Loan Period In Years, Payment Frequency and Annual Interest Rate. The 'Scheduled Payment' and other fields will auto-fill.



PAYMENT COMPARISON

LOAN AMOUNT

\$20,000.00	SCENARIO 1	SCENARIO 2	SCENARIO 3
LOAN PERIOD IN YEARS	5	5	7
PAYMENT FREQUENCY	Monthly	Bi-monthly	Monthly
ANNUAL INTEREST RATE	5.00%	5.00%	4.00%
SCHEDULED PAYMENT	\$377.42	\$188.54	\$273.38
TOTAL PAYMENTS	60	120	84
TOTAL INTEREST	\$2,645.48	\$2,624.78	\$2,963.59
COST OF LOAN	\$22,645.48	\$22,624.78	\$22,963.59

Step 3: Fill in the Chart on the 'Checklist' page with the information from the 'Payment Comparison' tab's chart (as seen above). The 'Monthly Payment' information will automatically fill so you don't need to put anything in this column!

Loan Amount	rate on	open) of	Purnose Allows your company	Monthly Payment	Expected Revenue Gain per month (Increase in sales per month)	Expected net financial benefit* of the loan (monthly average)	
\$ 20,000.00	5%	5	Vehicle loan for deliveries	\$ 377.42			per month
				\$ 188.54		Ĭ	
				\$ 273.38			



Look at question 'C' on the 'Checklist' page. Will the new revenue created from this loan come in right away? If not, ensure you come up with a plan to bridge the gap and pay for the loan until new revenue starts coming in. Bridging this gap temporarily from other company resources is an option for some companies, but not for all.

Step 4: Calculate the Net Financial Benefit using the instructions provided:

*To get your Expected **Net Financial Benefit:** Add up the expected financial benefits of having the loan
For Example: A flower shop that charges \$15 per delivery and is able to do 50 deliveries if they get a vehicle loan for a van = \$750

PLUS, Deliveries also inrease overall sales by \$800 per month.

That equals a total increase in revenue of \$1550 per month.

Then, subtract what you would pay on your loan (as calculated in the Payment Comparison chart).

For Scenario 1, that would be an increase of sales to \$1550 per month, minus the loan payment of \$377.42, which equals a Net Financial Benefit of \$1,172.58

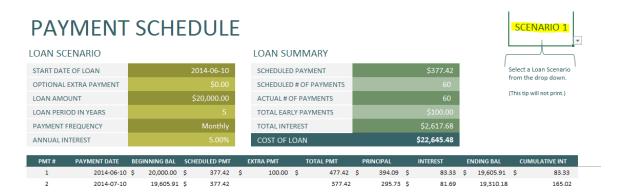
Therefore, the flower shop has a clear case that this loan is a benefit to the company because you end up with a <u>positive</u> Net Financial Benefit.

Fill in the last 2 columns in the Chart on the 'Checklist' page:

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\$ 20,000.00	5%	5	Vehicle loan for deliveries	\$ 377.42	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,172.58	per month
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Step 5: Fill in the 'Payment Schedule' by clicking on the tab below. This table will allow you to pick a 'start date' for your loan (what day you want the loan to take effect) and show the schedule of payments going forward for each of the 3 scenarios from the 'Payment Comparison' chart. Simply choose which scenario you want to see from the drop-down menu in the top right corner of the page:



Then, if you plan on having any 'Extra Payments', fill in the amounts in the appropriate field. For example, if you are expecting an inheritance payment, or money from your tax return that you will put towards paying off you loan, fill this amount in:

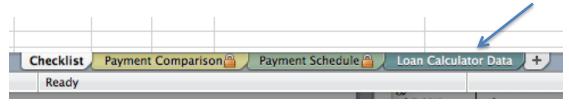
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

LOAN SCENARIO

START DATE OF LOAN	2014-06-10
OPTIONAL EXTRA PAYMENT	\$0.00
LOAN AMOUNT	\$20,000.00
LOAN PERIOD IN YEARS	5
PAYMENT FREQUENCY	Monthly
ANNUAL INTEREST	5.00%



Note: The 'Loan Calculator Data' is a tab that contains some simple information for the spreadsheet calculations. *You do not need to adjust or fill in anything in this tab.*



Using the Results: Use this information to better understand what the best loan for you could look like. It may be that you can afford higher payments per month to pay your loan off faster – *however*, you must keep in mind that this will reduce the amount of cash you have each month, as this money will be going towards loan payments. If you encounter a 'bad month' where revenues are not as high as you need them, then you may put yourself in a bad position by still having to pay the high loan payments. In other words, you may want to consider a longer loan, such as 7 years instead of 5 years, to give yourself some breathing room on the loan payments. Always try to anticipate surprise events and structure your loan to make sure you have room to weather these storms.