Data and Innovation



Affordability

Putting the consumer at the heart of affordability



Introduction

The introduction of Payment Services
Directive 2 (PSD2) and the development
of Open Banking is a great opportunity to
re-evaluate your affordability processes.
The access to more data and insight will
allow you to quickly make fairer decisions
about a customer's ability to afford a
product or service.



What is personal affordability?

Experian's Affordability solution brings together all the components required to efficiently make quick informed decisions about an individuals financial well-being.

Data access

Bank account transactional data can be delivered securely in real-time allowing you to make appropriate informed decisions.

Data analysis

Large volumes of customer transactional banking data can only create meaningful insights once it has been structured. Trusso our automated categorisation engine takes the data in real time before splitting the transactions into categories of income and expenditure in seconds.

This will make it easier to understand whether an individual will be able to afford the required level of repayments for a loan or mortgage.

Powered by AI and machine learning

Experian transactional data categorisation engine uses machine learning to help achieve 98% accuracy on previously seen data.

Unlike rules based approaches to categorisation, our solution quickly adapts to changes in transaction descriptions and previously unseen account information and achieves 90% accuracy on unseen data. This helps future-proof the solution and significantly reduces ongoing total costs-to-serve.

The benefits of personal affordability

Experian's Affordability solution enables organisations to grow revenue, reduce costs and improve the quality of decision making, ensuring that consumers get access to products and services they can afford.

Improve customer experience

Make real time decisions on someone's ability to afford what they want, allowing consumers access to services more quickly and reliably.

Make more informed decisions

Categorised transactional data gives you more detailed information to understand a consumer's income and spending behaviour, allowing you to treat them fairly.

Reduce operational cost

The automated exchange of data can reduce the amount of manual intervention required to make a decision, improving your operational efficiencies.

How does it work?

Experian's Affordability solution can be incorporated into both a face to face and digital application process, providing complete flexibility for you and your customers.

We offer a quick implementation approach that allows you to use Experian's predefined screens and data transfer methods to be quickly operational.

By using an Experian component ("widget") deployed to your organisation's web page, the customer can consent to the instant sharing of bank transaction data allowing you to understand their income and expenditure.



Customer logs on to their current account to source statement data.

This widget is linked to our data orchestration platform.
This platform manages the customer's consent, terms and conditions and privacy notices, as well as accessing and transferring the transactional data from the account holding bank to the requesting organisation.

Trusso Experian's categorisation engine sorts the banks transactional data into over 90 categories which are mapped to 6 aggregate types of income and expenditure.



The categorised data is then returned back you through the orchestration platform along with minimum and maximum disposable income values and a colour-coded overall "comfort value".



Categorised data

This will then enable you to make an informed credit decision based on a greater understanding of the customer's affordability and communicate it to the customer.





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For more than 125 years, we've helped consumers and clients prosper, and economies and communities flourish – and we're not done.

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