

# Loan Pricing Adjustment Framework (LPAF)

Team Project 1

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**Base Rate:** 6.50% (Repo Rate + Lender Margin)

## 1. Credit Score Adjustments

Score Range	Rating	Adjustment	Color Code
800-850	Exceptional	-2.50%	
750-799	Very Good	-1.75%	
700-749	Good	-1.00%	
650-699	Fair	+0.75%	
600-649	Poor	+2.50%	
500-599	Very Poor	+5.00%	
≤500	Deep SubRepo	+8.00%	

## 2. Employment Status Adjustments

Status	Conditions	Adjustment
Unemployed	No income	+4.50%
Retired	Fixed income	+1.00%
Self-Employed ( $\leq 2$ yrs)	Volatile	+2.00%
Part-Time		+1.25%
Full-Time ( $\leq 6$ mo)	New job	+1.50%
Full-Time ( $\geq 2$ yrs)	Stability	-0.75%

## 3. Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratio

DTI Range	Risk Level	Adjustment
≤20%	Excellent	-1.00%
20-35%	Good	-0.50%
36-43%	Acceptable	+0.00%
44-49%	High	+1.50%
50-65%	Very High	+3.00%
≥65%	Critical	+5.00%

## 4. Loan Characteristics

### Loan Term

Term Length	Adjustment
12-24 months	-0.50%
36-48 months	+0.75%
60-84 months	+2.00%

### Loan Purpose

Purpose	Collateral	Adjustment
Mortgage	Secured	-1.25%
Auto	Secured	-0.75%
Business	Unsecured	+2.50%
Medical	Unsecured	+0.00%
Education	Secured	-3.00%
Other	Unsecured	+1.75 %

## 5. Borrower Demographics

### Age

Age Group	Adjustment
≤25 years	+0.75%
25-40 years	-0.25%
60+ years	+0.50%

### Education

Education Level	Adjustment
PhD/Master's	-0.75%
Bachelor's	-0.25%
High School	+0.00%

Factor	Adjustment
has Co-Signer	-1.50% to -3.00%
Secured by Real Estate	-2.00%
Unsecured	+3.00%
20%+ Down Payment	-1.25%

## 6. Collateral & Guarantees

### Calculation Formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Final Rate} = & \text{Base Rate} \\
 & + \text{Credit Score Adjustment} \\
 & + \text{Employment Adjustment} \\
 & + \text{DTI Adjustment} \\
 & \pm \text{Loan Characteristic Adjustments} \\
 & \pm \text{Demographic Adjustments} \\
 & \pm \text{Collateral Adjustments}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Example Calculation

Factor	Adjustment
Base Rate	6.50%
Credit Score (633)	+1.25%
Unemployed	+4.50%
DTI (73%)	+5.00%
Loan Term (48mo)	+0.75%
Auto Loan	-0.75%
Divorced	+0.75%
Dependents	+0.50%
Bachelor's Degree	-0.25%
Age (60)	+0.50%
<b>Final Rate</b>	<b>18.75%</b>

To derive the specific adjustment values in this document, we employed a **multi-factorial, risk-adjusted pricing matrix** underpinned by the Loan Pricing Adjustment Framework (LPAF). This approach operationalizes a granular, parametric decomposition of borrower risk, leveraging a base rate (anchored to the Repo Rate plus lender margin) and systematically layering on **risk-weighted pricing differentials** for each salient borrower and loan attribute[?].

Each adjustment—whether for credit score, employment stability, DTI, loan characteristics, or collateralization—was calibrated using a **quantitative risk stratification protocol**. For example, credit score bands were mapped to additive or subtractive spreads based on empirical default probabilities, while employment status and DTI were indexed to volatility and repayment capacity metrics. Loan purpose and term adjustments reflect underlying asset risk and duration risk, respectively, while demographic and collateral factors are factored in as exogenous risk mitigants or amplifiers[?, ?].

The final interest rate is thus the **cumulative output of a deterministic, rules-based algorithm**:

$$\text{Final Rate} = \text{Base Rate} + \sum \text{Risk Factor Adjustments}$$

This ensures **pricing transparency, regulatory compliance, and optimal risk-return alignment**—mirroring methodologies such as Loan-Level Price Adjustments (LLPA) and RAROC-driven frameworks widely adopted in institutional lending[?, ?].

**In short:** I synthesized the adjustment values through a structured, multi-dimensional risk assessment engine, codifying industry best practices for dynamic, risk-based loan pricing and ensuring each rate is a direct function of the borrower's holistic risk profile[?, ?].

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### 1.1 Loan pricing index adjustments

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