

18. Loan for Joint Applicants & Co-borrowers

1. **Can two people apply for a loan together (e.g., joint home loan)? What are the benefits and risks of a joint loan?**

Yes, two or more people (usually immediate family members) can apply for a joint home loan or personal loan with ICICI Bank. The benefits include higher loan eligibility, sharing the EMI burden, and potential tax benefits for both applicants. The risk is that both are equally responsible for repayment—if one person defaults, the other must pay the full EMI.

2. **How do you assess the eligibility of a joint applicant for a home loan or business loan?**

The bank checks the income, credit score, and repayment capacity of both applicants. Both must have an independent income source, and for home loans, both should be co-owners of the property. The older applicant's retirement age may affect the maximum loan tenure.

3. **What happens if one of the co-borrowers fails to pay their share of the loan EMI?**

If one co-borrower fails to pay, the other is legally responsible for the entire EMI. The bank can recover the full amount from either or both applicants.

4. **Can a family member or friend act as a co-signer for a loan? How does this affect the loan application and repayment?**

Immediate family members like spouse, parent, sibling, or child can be co-applicants for home loans. A co-applicant shares repayment responsibility, while a co-signer is liable only if the main borrower defaults. Having a co-applicant can improve eligibility, but both credit

profiles are considered.

5. How is the interest rate affected when applying for a loan with a co-borrower or co-signer?

A joint application can improve eligibility and may help secure a better interest rate if both applicants have strong credit and income. However, if one applicant has a poor credit score, it can negatively affect the interest rate or approval chances.

6. Do you provide joint loans for business purposes? What are the conditions for applying for a business loan with a partner?

Yes, joint business loans are available. The bank assesses the incomes, credit histories, and business details of all applicants. All co-applicants share equal responsibility for repayment, and partnership details may be required.

7. What happens if one co-applicant wants to exit the loan agreement mid-term? Can the loan be transferred to a single borrower?

If a co-applicant wants to exit, the remaining borrower must prove they can repay the entire loan alone. The bank will reassess eligibility and, if approved, may allow the loan to be transferred to a single borrower after completing legal formalities.

8. Are joint loan applicants liable for the full amount of the loan or just their share?

All joint applicants are equally and fully liable for the entire loan amount, not just their share. If one defaults, the others must pay the full outstanding amount.