

### Financial Counselling HELPLINE

Talk to a financial counsellor from anywhere in Australia by ringing **1800 007 007** Mon to Thurs: 9.30am - 8pm Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm

South Australian Financial Counsellors Association www.safca.org.au

# Where can I find a financial counsellor?

On the SAFCA website you can enter your postcode or suburb to find your nearest financial counsellor.

Visit safca.org.au

Financial counsellors are trained in negotiation and counselling. They understand credit, bankruptcy and debt collection laws, concessions and industry hardship practices.

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### Financial Counselling Services in SA

#### Money trouble...



A nyone can find themselves in financial difficulty. It may be due to a long-term illness, a relationship breakdown, gambling problems, losing a job or simply not having enough money to make ends meet. If this happens to you, a financial counsellor can help.

# Ask a financial counsellor

### They offer information, counselling and advocacy on a range of issues:

- Financial stress or hardship
- Electricity, gas, water and phone bills
- Multiple debt problems including legal action
- Budgeting and money plans
- Rental and mortgage problems
- Pensions, allowances and concessions
- Personal loans and credit cards
- Threat of eviction
- Threat of repossession
- Bankruptcy

Financial counsellors can talk to your creditors on your behalf and, where possible, try to negotiate lower payments.

A financial counsellor can help identify your options and give you the information you need.

# Free, independent and confidential

Financial counsellors are non-judgmental, qualified professionals who provide support, information and advocacy to people in financial difficulty.

Financial counselling services are available to everyone. Their services are <u>free</u>, <u>independent and</u> <u>confidential</u>.

Financial counsellors do not provide material or financial assistance.

