Payday Loans in WA: Current Law*

You need a bank account to get a payday loan

Typically, borrowers must give the lender direct access to their bank account or a post-dated check for the loan amount and fees. When the loan is due, lenders **directly debit borrowers' bank accounts** or use the post-dated check to repay the loan and fees.

Rules of the road

- **Maximum loan amount:** $700 or 30% of borrower's gross monthly income, whichever is less
  - In 2025, the average loan amount was $464.96, down from $471 in 2024
- **Minimum loan term:** loans must be due on or after the borrower's next pay date. If the borrower's next pay date is within 7 days of the loan origination date, lenders must set the due date on or after the borrower's second pay date.
- **Maximum loan term:** 45 days, unless the term of the loan is extended by agreement of both borrower and lender, and no additional fee or interest is charged
- **Maximum number of loans:** Borrowers are limited to eight payday loans in any 12-month period.
  - In 2025, 75% of borrrowers took out fewer than 5 payay loans

Fee Structure

- **Maximum fee:** 15% on the first $500, and 10% on amount greater than $500

Loan Amount	Fee	Total Cost
$100	$15	$115
$200	$30	$230
$300	$45	$345
$400	$60	$460
$500	$75	$575
$600	$85	$685
$700	$95	$795

Borrowers have a right to installment plans

Borrowers are entitled to an installment plan at any time prior to default, with no additional fee. Installment plans are between 90 and 180 days, depending on the original loan amount, and borrowers repay the loan in a series of installments.

*based on DFI's 2025 Payday Lending Report