

# **CONSUMER AWARENESS**

# Understanding Overdue, SMA, and NPA for Your Loan Account

Paying your **EMI** (**Equated Monthly Instalment**) on time is essential for maintaining a good credit history. A **strong credit score** can help you to qualify for higher loan amounts and lower interest rates in the future.

#### When Does a Loan Become Overdue?

**Overdue date**: If your payment is not received by the due date, your account becomes overdue from that day itself. For example, if your March 2025 EMI is due on **March 31, 2025**, and you miss the payment, your account becomes overdue from **March 31, 2025**.

#### What Are SMA and NPA Classifications?

If payments remain overdue, your loan account is classified under **Special Mention Account** (SMA) and, eventually, as a **Non-Performing Asset** (NPA). These classifications are reviewed daily by the system.

Basis for Classification	Days Overdue / Days Past Due (DPD)
Overdue	1 day onwards
SMA-0	Up to 30 days
SMA-1	More than 30 and up to 60 days
SMA-2	More than 60 and up to 90 days
NPA	More than 90 days

#### **Example:**

- a) **Due date**: March 31, 2025
- b) No payment received before day-end: Account becomes overdue from March 31, 2025.
- c) **Still unpaid by April 30, 2025**: After 30 days of continuous default, the account is classified as **SMA-1** from April 30, 2025.
- d) **Still unpaid by May 30, 2025**: After 60 days, the account becomes **SMA-2** from May 30, 2025.
- e) **Still unpaid by June 29, 2025**: After 90 days, the account is classified as **NPA** from June 29, 2025.

# What Happens When a Loan Is Classified as NPA?



- a) **Loan accounts** classified as **NPA** cannot be upgraded to "standard" status until all overdue amounts (principal + interest) are fully cleared.
- b) **Negative reporting** to credit bureaus will impact your credit score, making future borrowing more difficult or expensive.

# **Why Timely Payment Matters**

- a) **Builds your credit score**: Consistent, timely payments help you maintain or improve your creditworthiness.
- b) **Better terms**: A high credit score may help you get larger loan amounts and lower interest rates.
- c) **Avoids penalties**: Late or missed payments attract late fees and can lead to higher costs over time.

### In Case of Questions

If you have any doubts or need clarification about your loan status, please contact Archbridge Capital Private Limited at <a href="mailto:customer.care@archbridgecapital.in">customer.care@archbridgecapital.in</a>.

**Remember:** Staying on track with your repayments not only keeps your loan account in good standing but also safeguards your financial future.