

case study 1: emergency vet bill

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Your situation.

You have an emergency vet bill of £200. You don't have pet insurance and the vet won't allow you to pay in instalments. You don't have a spare £200 and it is 2 weeks until pay day.

Let's explore some of the options for paying this unexpected bill.



overdraft.

Arrange an authorised overdraft with your bank or building society before you go overdrawn – this can usually be arranged online or by phone and can normally be accessed immediately.

You'll need to check that your bank or building society will lend you the amount you need to borrow.

You're normally charged interest for every day that you use your overdraft.

You'll need to think about how you'll pay back the money to prevent paying more interest.

Learn more by watching our **Types of Borrowing** video.



credit card.

This is only an option if you already have an existing credit card.

Most credit card providers will allow you to repay the cost of a purchase within 56 days before charging interest.

If you have a credit card which is within an interest free period – this may allow you to borrow the money and pay it back without being charged any interest.

Learn more by watching our **Credit cards** video.



payday loan.

You should only think about this after all other choices have been considered. Payday loans are normally expensive with some interest rates as high as 1200% APR.

Learn more by watching our **Payday Loans** video.



always remember.

Try to use savings or other available funds before borrowing money.

Think - Can you afford to pay back the money? Click [here](#) to use the Money Advice Service budgeting tool.

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