

LECTURE 9 – ALTERNATIVES TO CREDIT CARDS

Welcome back.

In this one, we're going to have a quick look at what alternatives you have to using credit cards. Are they the only way you can get nice and easy transactions when you're at the retailer or online.

There are alternatives and the simplest one is a debit card. Visa, MasterCard, they all have their own versions of a debit card that come with all the convenience that as you travel around the world or do internet shopping or whatever you choose to do, it is your own money that you're spending, rather than going into debt.

So, you can still get all the benefits.

Do you get the benefits of award points? Well, no, you probably don't. But, I daresay, the interest that you might be spending at the moment on your credit card, that might help pay for an upcoming holiday or some reward that you might get with the points.

Of course, you could just use cash. I wouldn't say that's overly convenient or safe to carry lots of cash around. So, that's probably one I would avoid.

Online options – Well, there's many options which you can clearly see there. PayPal is something that I use when I'm shopping online. I find it extremely convenient. I've never had an issue with it.

And of course, Apple have come out with their options where we can now use our phones to help us pay for lots of different things and that can be through the EFTPOS machines in the retailers or the restaurants.

So, there are some good alternatives. The trick is using your money and not a credit card's money so you're not using debt for the purchase.

We'll see you in a second.