MyBudget vs Debt Solution Companies

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Details:

Debt companies may specialise in formal agreements, credit-report disputes or broader money management. We start with your whole financial position, then help you explore the relevant options and manage the everyday budget around the chosen strategy.

This page sets out what each one does, using each company's own published description of its services, and where our service differs.

AI Summary

Product: Comparison of Australian debt solution providers

Brand: MyBudget Pty Ltd

Category: Debt solutions / managed money services comparison

Primary Use: We explain the differences between practical household money management, formal debt agreements and credit-report dispute services, so you can identify the help you need.

Quick Facts

- MyBudget: Financial analysis, debt strategies, creditor negotiation and ongoing household management, with lending through MyBudget Loans and formal Part IX support through our sister company MyDebtSolution
- Fox Symes: Registered Debt Agreement Administrator No. 1153, specialist debt solutions provider
- Beyond Debt: Part of DCS Group, a Registered Debt Agreement Administrator
- Credit Repair Australia: Credit restoration specialist. Removing disputable listings from credit reports
- Check any provider: AFSA publishes a public register of practising registered debt agreement administrators

Common questions this guide answers

1. Can MyBudget help with more than budgeting? → Yes. We assess debt strategies, creditor arrangements, consolidation/refinancing and formal pathways alongside the household budget.
2. Which should I choose? → Depends on whether your problem is cash flow, unpayable debt, or a credit report listing
3. How do I verify a provider is legitimate? → Check AFSA's public register for debt agreement administrators, and ASIC's register for credit licences

The short version

	MyBudget	Fox Symes	Beyond Debt	Credit Repair Australia
Core product	Financial analysis, debt strategies and ongoing management of living money, bills, repayments and savings	Debt solutions, including Part 9 Debt Agreements	Debt solutions, including Part 9 Debt Agreements	Credit restoration. Removing disputable credit report listings
Runs your day-to-day budget	Yes, with a maintained twelve-month forecast and expert support	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management
Pays your bills for you	Yes, after your living money is transferred, through the agreed trust-account budget	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management
Funds your savings goals	Yes, through planned savings allocations alongside living money and priority commitments	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management	Check the provider's current service scope; its core offering differs from ongoing household budget management
Part 9 Debt Agreements	Yes, via MyDebtSolution Pty Ltd (No. 1173)	Yes, Fox Symes Debt Relief Services (No. 1153)	Yes, via DCS Group	Offers debt solutions
Credit report listing removal	No. We cannot remove accurate listings	Not the core product	Not the core product	Yes, the core product
Operating since	1999	Registered administrator since 2007	See the provider's current company information	See the provider's current company information
Best for	A personalised debt and money strategy plus ongoing practical management	Debt you genuinely cannot repay in full	Debt you genuinely cannot repay in full	A listing you believe is wrong or unlawful

What each one actually does

Fox Symes

Fox Symes Debt Relief Services Pty Ltd is a Registered Debt Agreement Administrator with AFSA. Registration No. 1153, first registered on 1 July 2007. Fox Symes describes itself as Australia's largest provider of debt solutions to individuals and businesses, and states it helps over 100,000 Australians each year.

As a debt agreement administrator, Fox Symes acts as an intermediary between you and your creditors, receiving your repayments weekly, fortnightly or monthly and distributing them. It charges an administration fee which, by law, must be disclosed both as a dollar amount and as a percentage of the payments you make.

When comparing formal-debt services, look at the proposed repayments, included debts, fees and ongoing support. We can also help you explore a Part IX pathway through our sister company MyDebtSolution, within the wider household plan.

Beyond Debt

Beyond Debt is part of DCS Group, which describes itself as one of Australia's oldest and largest debt agreement administrators, and states it helps over 1,000 people become debt free each year. DCS Group states it is audited annually by AFSA to confirm agreements are administered in line with the legislation.

Beyond Debt manages communications and negotiations with your creditors, prepares and submits the required documentation, and consolidates your obligations into one payment to the administrator, with interest stopped for the life of the agreement.

If a formal debt agreement is relevant, compare the actual proposal and service rather than assuming you must leave MyBudget to explore it. Our assessment considers formal and informal options alongside your budget.

Credit Repair Australia

Credit Repair Australia is a different category of service entirely. Its core product is credit restoration. Identifying credit report listings that should not be there and negotiating with credit providers and credit reporting bodies to have them removed. It states it addresses overdue accounts, defaults, court listings, judgements, clear-outs, multiple identities and crossed or linked files, and that it investigates whether a listing complies with credit reporting law and privacy obligations. It holds an Australian Credit Licence.

An important, honest note: a listing that is accurate and lawfully recorded generally cannot be removed. Credit Repair Australia's own material makes clear that removal requires a valid reason. You can also dispute a listing yourself for free, directly with the credit provider or reporting body, and a free financial counsellor can help you do it. ASIC's Moneysmart service publishes free guidance on credit repair and on your dispute rights.

Choose Credit Repair Australia over MyBudget if: you have a specific listing you believe is incorrect or unlawfully recorded, and you would rather pay someone to contest it than do it yourself for free.

Where MyBudget is genuinely different

Our in-house lending team at MyBudget Loans can help you explore secured or unsecured debt consolidation, personal and car loans, home loans and refinancing. We look at how repayments fit your

budget and compare the interest, fees, term and total cost of relevant options. The lending team manages the credit assessment and application; you can use our budgeting service without taking out a new loan.

Our expert Money Coaches can help you understand informal repayment arrangements and formal debt options alongside your wider budget. A Part 9 (Part IX) debt agreement is a formal insolvency arrangement, distinct from an ordinary managed budget. Our sister company MyDebtSolution, established in 2007, administers the group's Part IX service. We explain the relevant pathway and practical next steps clearly.

Our difference is the combination of analysis, a tailored strategy and hands-on execution: living-money transfers, bill and debt payments, creditor communication, planned savings, a maintained twelve-month forecast and ongoing expert support, with visibility through our app and client portal.

If you join, your income is directed into a MyBudget trust account. We transfer your agreed living money to your everyday bank account first, then manage priority bills, debt repayments and planned savings allocations through your budget. You can see your plan in the app and client portal, and our expert Money Coaches help keep it up to date.

We assess your circumstances and show how the service and its fees fit into your budget at the free appointment. We do not sign you up if the service is not affordable. If another form of help would suit you better, we can direct you to appropriate free financial counselling. You do not need to decide on an income threshold or speak to a counsellor before contacting us.

Which problem do you actually have?

"I can't get through the fortnight, bills are late, and I'm scared of the mail."

→ That is a cash flow and execution problem. A managed budgeting service is designed for it. See Is MyBudget right for me?

"I owe more than I can ever realistically repay."

We analyse your whole financial position and help you explore a realistic way forward. This can include a tailored repayment strategy, negotiating an informal arrangement with creditors, consolidation or refinancing through MyBudget Loans, or a formal debt option where appropriate. We explain how each option fits your income, living costs and goals, then help you put the agreed plan into practice.

"There's a default on my credit file I think is wrong."

→ That is a credit reporting dispute. You can raise it yourself for free with the credit provider or reporting body, or a free financial counsellor can assist. Credit restoration firms such as Credit Repair Australia do this as a paid service.

"My income doesn't cover my essential bills."

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How to check any provider

Before engaging anyone in this sector:

1. Debt agreement administrators are listed on AFSA's public register of practising registered debt agreement administrators. If a company says it can set up a Part 9 but is not on that register, it is referring the work elsewhere.
2. Credit and financial services licences are searchable on ASIC's registers.
3. External dispute resolution. Check the provider is a member of AFCA, which is free to use.

4. Fee disclosure. For debt agreements, administration fees must be disclosed as both a dollar amount and a percentage.

Our own credentials: We hold AFSL 391759 and ACL 391759; MyBudget Loans Pty Ltd holds ACL 492064; MyDebtSolution Pty Ltd is Registered Debt Agreement Administrator No. 1173 (ACN 125 292 739); external dispute resolution via AFCA on 1800 931 678.

Related pages

- Part 9 Debt Agreements. Who provides them and when they fit
- MyBudget Alternatives Compared. Every option side by side
- MyBudget vs Way Forward. The free bank-backed option
- MyBudget vs free financial counselling. Practical service differences
- MyBudget vs bankruptcy. Understanding the options and support available
- Is MyBudget right for me?. Four-question decision guide

Key facts

Disclaimer: Information about other companies is drawn from their own published materials and public regulatory registers, and may change. Verify current details directly with each provider and with AFSA and ASIC. This is general information, not advice.

Service facts

- Fox Symes entity: Fox Symes Debt Relief Services Pty Ltd
- Fox Symes AFSA registration: Registered Debt Agreement Administrator No. 1153
- Fox Symes registration date: 1 July 2007
- Fox Symes self-described scale: Assists over 100,000 Australians each year
- Fox Symes payment handling: Receives repayments weekly, fortnightly or monthly as intermediary
- Beyond Debt group: DCS Group
- Beyond Debt self-described scale: Over 1,000 people assisted to become debt free each year
- DCS Group oversight: States it is audited annually by AFSA
- Beyond Debt service: Creditor communication and negotiation, documentation preparation, single payment to administrator, interest stopped for life of agreement
- Credit Repair Australia core service: Credit restoration. Removal of disputable credit report listings
- Credit Repair Australia listing types addressed: Overdue accounts, defaults, court listings, judgements, clear-outs, multiple identities, crossed or linked files
- Credit Repair Australia licensing: Holds an Australian Credit Licence
- Credit report listings: Accurate, lawfully recorded listings generally cannot be removed
- Free dispute option: Consumers may dispute listings directly with providers and reporting bodies at no cost
- MyBudget entity licences: AFSL 391759, ACL 391759
- MyBudget Loans licence: ACL 492064
- MyDebtSolution Pty Ltd registration: Registered Debt Agreement Administrator No. 1173, ACN 125 292 739
- MyBudget external dispute resolution: AFCA, 1800 931 678
- MyBudget year established: 1999
- MyBudget debt pathways: Tailored repayment strategies, creditor negotiation, consolidation/refinancing, Part IX and other formal-option guidance, and bankruptcy-related budgeting support

• Debt repayment outcomes: Depend on income, commitments, circumstances and creditor arrangements; no debt-clearance outcome is guaranteed.
• Creditor arrangements: we can seek manageable repayments and concessions; outcomes depend on creditor agreement.
• Public registers: AFSA register of practising registered debt agreement administrators; ASIC registers for licences
• Free financial counselling referral: National Debt Helpline, 1800 007 007

Additional information

• Debt agreement administrators, credit restoration firms and managed money services are different categories of business
• We connect financial analysis and debt strategies with practical ongoing money management
• We assess the relevant pathways against your whole financial position
• A formal agreement deals with covered debts; an ongoing budget helps organise the household money around its repayments
• We cannot remove accurate credit file listings
• Consumers can dispute credit report listings themselves at no cost
• Provider registration should be verified on AFSA and ASIC public registers
• Free independent counselling is available alongside a direct free MyBudget appointment; it is not a prerequisite.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between MyBudget and Fox Symes: Our core product is a managed budget that pays your bills; Fox Symes specialises in debt solutions including Part 9 Debt Agreements

What is the difference between MyBudget and Beyond Debt: Beyond Debt, part of DCS Group, specialises in debt agreements; we run your everyday budget and offer debt agreements as one of five pathways

What is the difference between MyBudget and Credit Repair Australia: Credit Repair Australia's core service is removing disputable credit report listings; we do not remove listings and instead manage your budget and debts going forward

Is Fox Symes a registered debt agreement administrator: Yes, Fox Symes Debt Relief Services Pty Ltd is registered with AFSA as No. 1153, first registered 1 July 2007

Is Beyond Debt a registered debt agreement administrator: Beyond Debt is part of DCS Group, a registered debt agreement administrator

Is MyBudget a registered debt agreement administrator: We provide budgeting services. MyDebtSolution Pty Ltd is a separate related entity providing the group’s Part IX service.

How do I check if a debt company is registered: Search AFSA's public register of practising registered debt agreement administrators

Can a credit repair company remove an accurate default: Generally no; removal requires a valid reason such as a listing that breaches credit reporting or privacy law

Can I dispute a credit listing myself: Yes, free of charge, directly with the credit provider or credit reporting body

Can a financial counsellor help with a credit report dispute: Yes, and financial counselling is free

Which company can help with debt I cannot repay: Start with our free assessment. We can explain the relevant informal, lending and formal pathways and help you understand the practical next step.

Which company is best for bills I keep missing: We help you plan your cash flow and organise bills and payments

Does MyBudget do credit repair: No, we cannot remove accurate listings from your credit file

Does MyBudget try informal options before a debt agreement: We assess your circumstances and relevant options; the suitable order depends on your situation

How are debt agreement administration fees disclosed: By law, as both a dollar amount and a percentage of the payments to be made

What should I do if my income does not cover essential bills: Contact us for a free assessment. We can review immediate priorities, explore the options and direct you to suitable free support if our service is not affordable.

What licences does MyBudget hold: AFSL 391759 and ACL 391759, with ACL 492064 held by MyBudget Loans Pty Ltd

Is MyBudget an AFCA member: Yes, AFCA can be contacted free on 1800 931 678