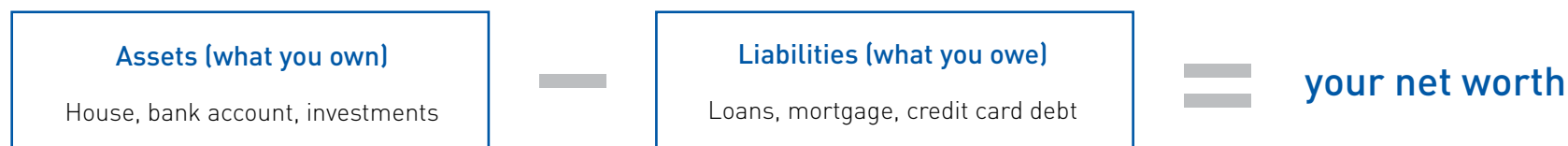


# Preparing a Net Worth Statement

Understanding your assets and liabilities



Your net worth measures the value of what you *own*, against the value of what you *owe*. It is simply described as your assets minus your liabilities. Knowing your net worth gives you the starting point in creating a financial plan. **And without a plan, how will you achieve your financial goals?**



## The benefits of preparing a Net Worth Statement:

### Money management

Gives you a complete understanding of what you own and what you owe. Knowing this information will keep you on track and help you make sound decisions if there is an emergency.

### Saving

Knowing your net worth may encourage you to save. Seeing the value grow will motivate you to meet your goals.

### Financial planning

Provides you the big picture on your finances and will help you make decisions when planning for your financial future.

### Estate planning

Helps to put your affairs in order so you can decide how to divide your estate.

### Insurance planning

Knowing and understanding how much your valuables are worth gives you an understanding of how much insurance you'll need.

### Borrowing\*

Your net worth is essential information when applying to borrow funds. Your lender will need this information when determining how much they will offer to lend to you.

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