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# BALANCE TRANSFER WORKSHEET

| BALANCE TO MOVE | CURRENT CARD APR % | MONTHLY PAYMENT YOU CAN MAKE | DECISION BY |
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## Option A: stay and pay down

| Months to pay off | Total interest paid | Total paid back | Paid off by |
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## Option B: transfer offers

| Card / offer | Fee % | Transfer fee | Promo months | Promo APR % | Payment to clear in promo | Balance left at promo end (at your payment) | Saving vs A (fee deducted) |
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"Saving vs A" assumes you clear the whole balance within the promotional period at 0%; if a balance is left when the promo ends, interest at the card's standard rate applies from then on and the saving shrinks. Promo APR above 0% is not included in the saving; adjust by hand. Minimum payments on the new card still apply during the promo and a late payment usually cancels the offer.

## BEFORE YOU TRANSFER

- ❑ Transfer fee (typically 3-5%) is less than interest saved
- ❑ You can pay enough per month to clear it before the promo ends
- ❑ Promo APR applies to transfers (not only purchases) and the deadline to transfer
- ❑ New card credit limit covers the balance plus fee
- ❑ Standard APR after the promo noted
- ❑ No new purchases on either card during the payoff
- ❑ Old card kept open (utilization) but not used; autopay canceled
- ❑ Hard inquiry and new account effect on credit score accepted

DECISION