

Need another word that means the same as “obligation”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “obligation” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Obligation” are: indebtedness, certificate of indebtedness, debt instrument, duty, responsibility, commitment, moral imperative, compulsion, duress, necessity, pressure, constraint, necessary condition, precondition, condition, essential, requirement, requisite, proviso, qualification, imperative, basic, rudiment, in someone's debt

Obligation as a Noun

Definitions of "Obligation" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “obligation” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A personal relation in which one is indebted for a service or favor.*
- *A debt of gratitude for a service or favour.*
- *The condition of being morally or legally bound to do something.*
- *The social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force.*
- *The social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force- John.*
- *A legal agreement specifying a payment or action and the penalty for failure to comply.*
- *A binding agreement committing a person to a payment or other action.*
- *The state of being obligated to do or pay something.*
- *An act or course of action to which a person is morally or legally bound; a duty or commitment.*
- *A written promise to repay a debt.*



Synonyms of "Obligation" as a noun (24 Words)

basic

The essential facts or principles of a subject or skill.
*I learnt the **basics** of programming on a course.*

certificate of indebtedness

A formal declaration that documents a fact of relevance to finance and investment; the holder has a right to receive interest or dividends.

commitment

The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.
*His business **commitments** took him to London.*

compulsion

An urge to do or say something that might be better left undone or unsaid.
*Her **compulsion** to wash her hands repeatedly.*

condition

The procedure that is varied in order to estimate a variable's effect by comparison with a control condition.
*The human **condition**.*

constraint	Stiffness of manner and inhibition in relations between people. <i>Time constraints make it impossible to do everything.</i>
debt instrument	Money or goods or services owed by one person to another.
<u>duress</u>	Forcible restraint or imprisonment. <i>Confessions extracted under duress.</i>
duty	Military service. <i>We must instill a sense of duty in our children.</i>
essential	Anything indispensable. <i>The essentials of the good life.</i>
<u>imperative</u>	The imperative mood. <i>Free movement of labour was an economic imperative.</i>
in someone's debt	A unit of length equal to one twelfth of a foot.
indebtedness	An obligation to pay money to another party. <i>The industry is taking steps to reduce indebtedness and cut costs.</i>
moral imperative	The significance of a story or event.
necessary condition	Anything indispensable.
necessity	An indispensable thing. <i>A good book is a necessity when travelling.</i>
precondition	An assumption on which rests the validity or effect of something else. <i>A precondition for peace.</i>
pressure	The act of pressing the exertion of pressure. <i>The compressed gas exerts an increased pressure.</i>
proviso	A stipulated condition. <i>He let his house with the proviso that his own staff should remain to run it.</i>
qualification	The qualification stage of a sporting event. <i>This important qualification needs to be remembered when interpreting the results.</i>
requirement	A thing that is needed or wanted. <i>Choose the type of window that suits your requirements best.</i>
requisite	Anything indispensable. <i>She believed privacy to be a requisite for a peaceful life.</i>

responsibility

The opportunity or ability to act independently and take decisions without authorization.

*Every right implies a **responsibility** every opportunity an obligation every possession a duty.*

rudiment

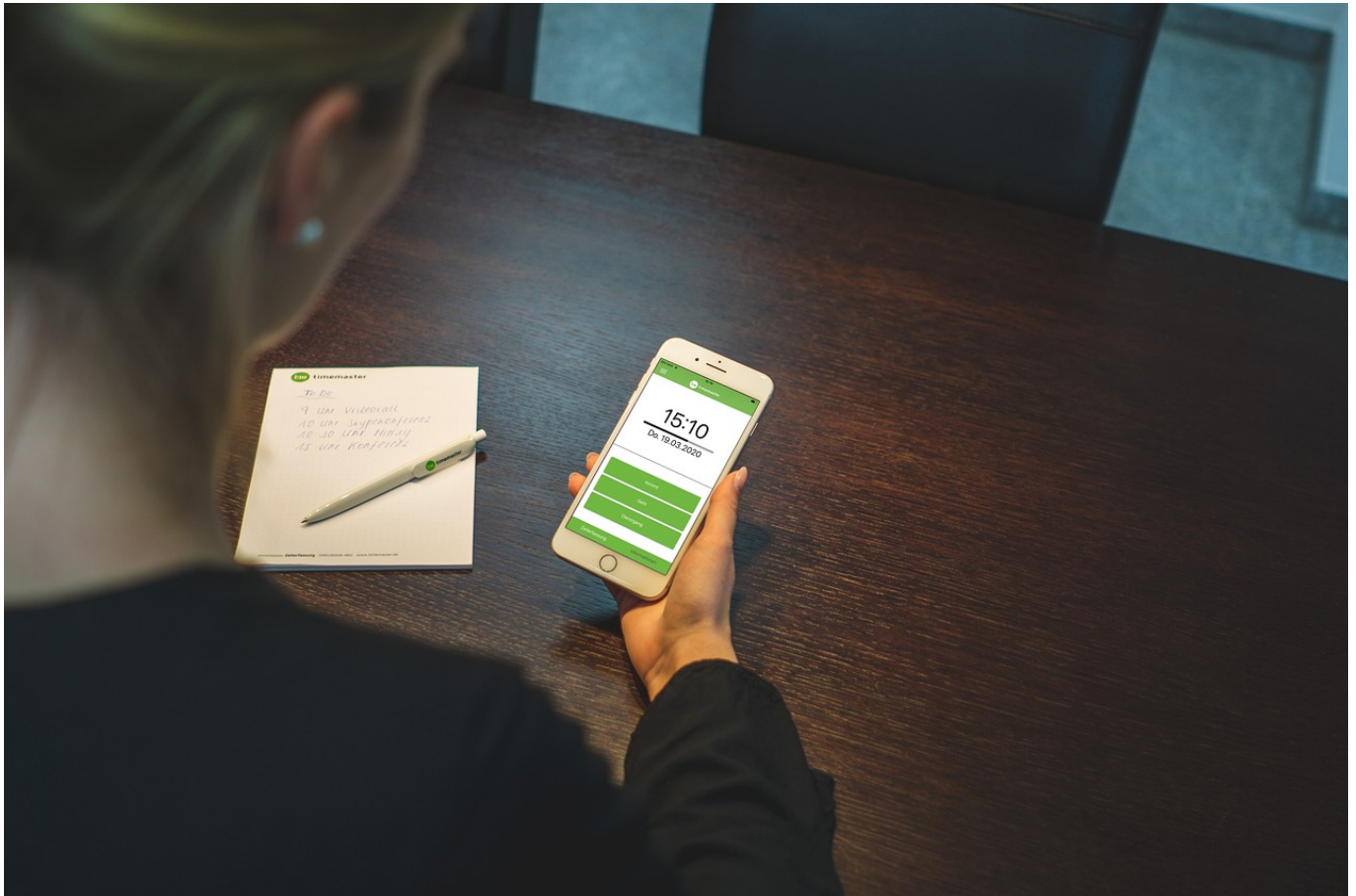
A basic pattern used by drummers, such as the roll, the flam, and the paradiddle.

*Meckel s diverticulum is the **rudiment** of the embryonic yolk sac.*



Usage Examples of "Obligation" as a noun

- *Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.*
- *They are under no obligation to stick to the scheme.*
- *I have an obligation to look after her.*
- *He is under an obligation to finish the job.*
- *She didn't want to be under an obligation to him.*



Associations of "Obligation" (30 Words)

- accede** Become a member of an organization.
*The authorities did not **accede** to the strikers demands.*
- accomplish** Fill in (a form).
*Once this form has been **accomplished** the applicant needs to secure supporting documents.*
- accord** Harmony of people's opinions or actions or characters.
*We are in **accord** with your proposal.*
- accountability** The fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility.
*Lack of **accountability** has corroded public respect for business and political leaders.*
- admissible** Deserving to be admitted.
*Foreigners were **admissible** only as temporary workers.*

admittedly	As acknowledged. <i>Admittedly the salary was not wonderful.</i>
agreed	United by being of the same opinion. <i>All the republics are agreed on the necessity of a common defence policy.</i>
approve	Give sanction to. <i>I don't approve of romance.</i>
assent	The expression of approval or agreement. <i>The Prime Minister assented to the change.</i>
assignment	The act of putting a person into a non-elective position. <i>An assignment of leasehold property.</i>
comply	Act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes. <i>You must comply or else.</i>
conform	Adapt or conform oneself to new or different conditions. <i>The countryside should conform to a certain idea of the picturesque.</i>
consent	Agree to do something. <i>No change may be made without the consent of all the partners.</i>
continence	The ability to control movements of the bowels and bladder. <i>Complete sexual continence is considered an essential feature of the monastic life.</i>
duty	Military service. <i>Every right implies a responsibility every opportunity an obligation every possession a duty.</i>
entrust	Put (something) into someone's care or protection. <i>I've been entrusted with the task of getting him safely back.</i>
feckless	Not fit to assume responsibility. <i>Feckless attempts to repair the plumbing.</i>
fiduciary	Held or given in trust. <i>The company has a fiduciary duty to shareholders.</i>
guideline	A general rule, principle, or piece of advice. <i>The organization has issued guidelines for people working with prisoners.</i>
homework	Paid work carried out in one's own home, especially low-paid piecework. <i>He always helps his daughter with her homework.</i>
liable	Subject to legal action. <i>Men between the ages of 18 and 35 were liable for military service.</i>
mandatory	The recipient of a mandate. <i>Attendance is mandatory.</i>

<u>mission</u>	An organization of missionaries in a foreign land sent to carry on religious work. <i>The head of the West German mission.</i>
<u>must</u>	Expressing insistence. <i>Charlotte must you put spanners in the works.</i>
<u>obligated</u>	Caused by law or conscience to follow a certain course. <i>Was obligated to pay off the student loan.</i>
onus	Something that is one's duty or responsibility. <i>The onus is on you to show that you have suffered loss.</i>
responsibility	The social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force. <i>Every right implies a responsibility every opportunity an obligation every possession a duty.</i>
task	Assign a task to. <i>I tasked him with looking after the children.</i>
taxation	Government income due to taxation. <i>A taxation system.</i>
unanimously	Without opposition; with the agreement of all people involved. <i>The Senate unanimously approved the bill.</i>

