

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**.*

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

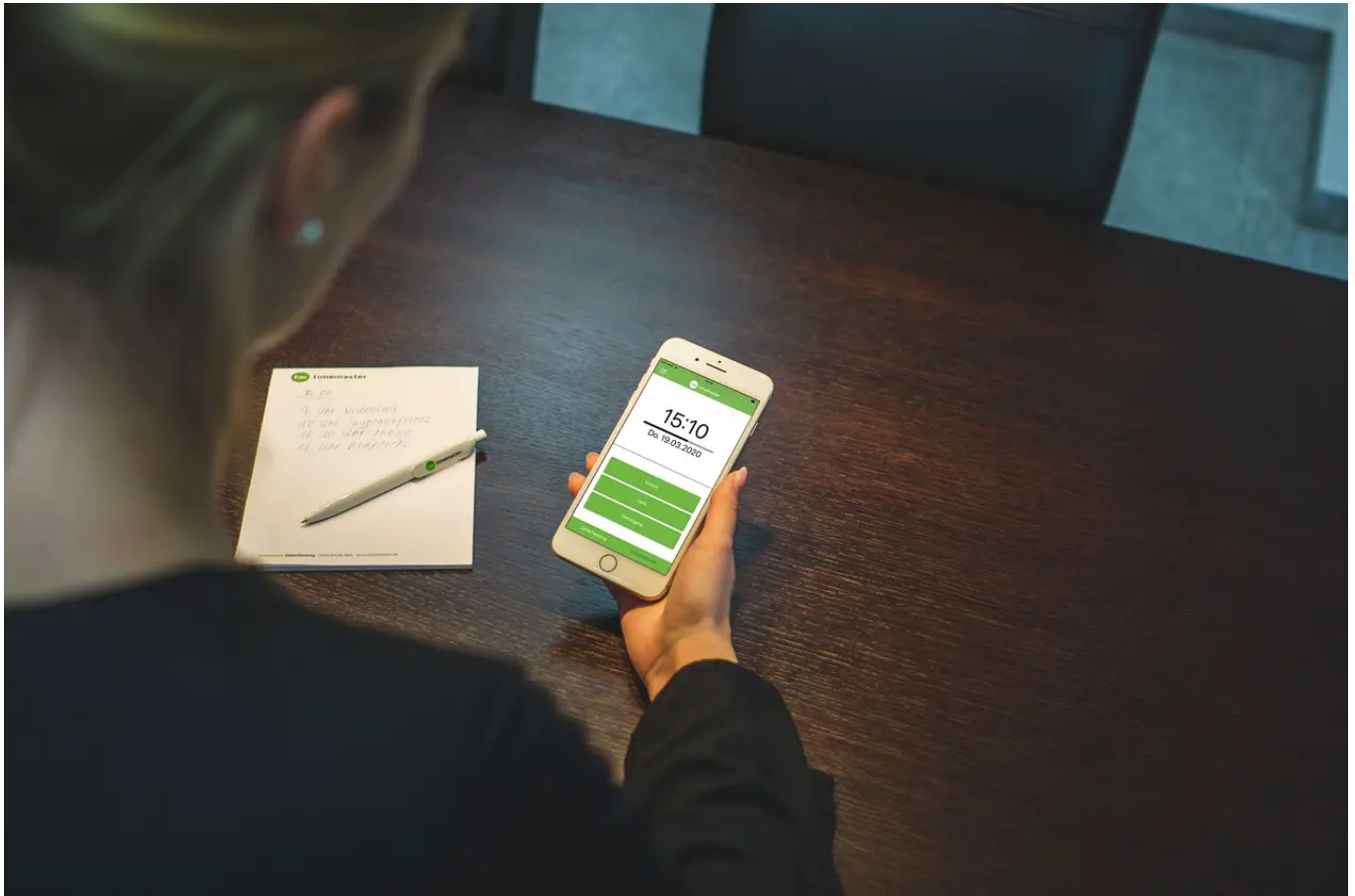
A basic pattern used by drummers, such as the roll, the flam, and the paradiddle.

*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.*

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

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

