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ob·li·ga·tion *n*.

1. The act of binding oneself by a social, legal, or moral tie.
2.
  - a. A social, legal, or moral requirement, such as a duty, contract, or promise that compels one to follow or avoid a particular course of action.
  - b. A course of action imposed by society, law, or conscience by which one is bound or restricted.
3. The constraining power of a promise, contract, law, or sense of duty.
4. *Law*
  - a. A legal agreement stipulating a specified payment or action, especially if the agreement also specifies a penalty for failure to comply.
  - b. The document containing the terms of such an agreement.
5. *Debt*
  - a. Something owed as payment or in return for a special service or favor.
  - b. The service or favor for which one is indebted to another.
6. The state, fact, or feeling of being indebted to another for a special service or favor received.

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ob'li·ga'tion·al *adj*.

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## obligation

### Noun

1. A moral or legal duty
2. The binding power of such a duty: I feel under some obligation to help you with your education
3. A sense of being in debt because of a service or favor: I don't want him marrying me out of obligation.

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### Thesaurus **Legend:** Synonyms Related Words Antonyms

**Noun** 1. **obligation** - the social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force; "we must instill a sense of duty in our children"; "every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty" - John D. Rockefeller Jr  
[duty](#), [responsibility](#)



**n**  
[job](#) - the responsibility to do something; "it is their job to print the truth"  
[safekeeping](#), [guardianship](#), [keeping](#) - the responsibility of a guardian or keeper; "he left his car in my keeping"  
[social control](#) - control exerted (actively or passively) by group action  
[moral obligation](#) - an obligation arising out of considerations of right and wrong; "he did it out of a feeling of moral obligation"  
[noblesse oblige](#) - the obligation of those of high rank to be honorable and generous (often used ironically)  
[burden of proof](#) - the duty of proving a disputed charge  
[civic duty](#), [civic responsibility](#) - the responsibilities of a citizen  
[filial duty](#) - duty of a child to its parents  
[imperative](#) - some duty that is essential and urgent  
[incumbency](#) - a duty that is incumbent upon you  
[legal duty](#) - acts which the law requires be done or forborne  
[line of duty](#) - all that is normally required in some area of responsibility  
[prerequisite](#), [requirement](#) - something that is required in advance; "Latin was a prerequisite for admission"  
[requirement](#), [demand](#) - required activity; "the requirements of his work affected his health"; "there were many demands on his time"

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2.

**obligation** - the state of being obligated to do or pay something; "he is under an obligation to finish the job"

state - the way something is with respect to its main attributes; "the current state of knowledge"; "his state of health"; "in a weak financial state"

financial obligation, indebtedness, liability - an obligation to pay money to another party

3.

**obligation** - a personal relation in which one is indebted for a service or favor

indebtedness

personal relation, personal relationship - a relation between persons

4.

**obligation** - a written promise to repay a debt

certificate of indebtedness, debt instrument

cash equivalent - a highly liquid debt instrument with maturities of less than three months

certificate of deposit, CD - a debt instrument issued by a bank; usually pays interest

note of hand, promissory note, note - a promise to pay a specified amount on demand or at a certain time; "I had to co-sign his note at the bank"

document - a written account of ownership or obligation

floater - a debt instrument with a variable interest rate tied to some other interest rate (e.g. the rate paid by T-bills)

bond certificate, bond - a certificate of debt (usually interest-bearing or discounted) that is issued by a government or corporation in order to raise money; the issuer is required to pay a fixed sum annually until maturity and then a fixed sum to repay the principal

5.

**obligation** - a legal agreement specifying a payment or action and the penalty for failure to comply

written agreement - a legal document summarizing the agreement between parties

debt - an obligation to pay or do something

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