Budget Planner

We've put together this Budget Planner to help you plan out your finances and get a better picture of where all your money is going.

Step 1

Enter all the money that comes into your account each month into section A (Monthly Income), including your wages and any benefits or tax credits you receive.

Step 2

Now enter all your essential expenses into section B (Everyday monthly expenses and priority bills). Don't include your unsecured debt repayments yet.

Step 3

If you're in arrears on any of your payments, enter your total arrears and how much you are paying towards those arrears each month into section C (Priority Debt Arrears).

Step 4

Section D is Money for unsecured debts - the money you can afford to pay towards those debts each month.

Let's say your total Monthly Income (section A) is £1,500 and your total Monthly Expenses (section B) are £900. You are paying £200 a month towards debt arrears (section C).

A - B - C = Money for unsecured debts
$$£1,500 - £900 - £200 = £400$$

Step 5

Enter all your unsecured debt repayments (e.g. credit cards, personal loans) into section E (Unsecured debts). Add up your total monthly repayments.

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A. Monthly Income

Wages (include any regular overtime/bonuses)	£
Partner's wages	£
Child Benefit	£
Tax Credits	£
Employment and Support Allowance	£
Jobseeker's Allowance	£
Maintenance	£
Retirement or works pension	£
Contributions from others in the household	£
Other 1	£
Other 2	£
Total Income (A):	£

B. Every day monthly expenses and priority bills

Mortgage/rent	£
Ground rent or service charge	£
Second mortgage or other secured loan	£
Endowment policy/ Life insurance	£
Council Tax	£
Electricity	£
Gas or other fuel	£
Water charges	£
Phone and/or mobile phone charges	£
Household insurance	£
TV rental and licence	£
Car tax and insurance	£
Travelling expenses e.g. petrol/public transport	£
Housekeeping (food and toiletries)	£
Prescription and Health costs	£
Clothing	£
School meals/or meals at work	£
Childminding/childcare	£
Maintenance payments	£
Court fines	£
Pension contributions	£
Hire purchase (car/motorcycle etc)	£
Other	£
Total Spending (B):	£

C. Priority Debt Arrears

	Total Arrears	Amount being repaid each month
Mortgage/rent arrears	£	£
Second mortgage or	£	£
secured loan arrears	£	£
Council Tax arrears	£	£
Electricity arrears	£	£
Gas arrears	£	£
Court fine arrears	£	£
Maintenance arrears	£	£
Hire Purchase arrears	£	£
Other 1	£	£

D.Money for unsecured debts

A - B - C = D.

£

E. Unsecured Debts

Total Arrears (C):

1. £ 2. £ 3. £ 4. £	£
3. £ 4. £	£
4. £	
	0
-	£
5. £	£
6. £	£
7. £	£
8. £	£
9. £	£
10. £	£
11. £	£
Total monthly repayments (E):	£

Total D - Total E = Budget:

