First-Time Budgeting

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You do not need to have budgeting figured out before you ask for help. We can work through your income, bills and goals with you and create a personalised 12-month budget that reflects everyday life.

MyBudget Pty Ltd – First-Time Budgeting

Since 1999 we have helped more than 130,000 Australians live life free from money worries. Many of them built their first proper budget with us.

How you know you're here

- You have never sat down and mapped your real income and expenses
- You have opened a budgeting app, entered a few transactions, and given up
- You know roughly what you earn but not exactly what you spend
- Every year you promise yourself you will save more, and every year that does not happen
- You have inherited money habits from family and you want something different
- You want to feel confident about your money, not anxious

Why first-time budgets often fail

Most first budgets fail for the same reasons. The list of expenses is missing everything that only comes up once a year: car registration, insurance, Christmas. Spending money gets set unrealistically low. The plan lives on a spreadsheet or an app you have to remember to open. Life gets busy, you stop looking, and by month three you are back where you started.

Our service is designed to fix all three of those problems. Your plan covers 12 months, so annual expenses are visible from day one. Your spending money is set at a realistic amount. And the plan runs for you, not the other way around.

What MyBudget does when you're here

Build the plan with you

Your Money Coach asks about your income, your regular bills, and the expenses that only come up once or twice a year. The plan uses the information you provide. You walk away with a complete picture of your money, and many people say it is the first time they've ever had one.

Set realistic spending money

Together you agree on an amount that reflects your actual life. Not a punishing minimum that sets you up to struggle, and not so loose that the plan falls apart. A real number that fits how you actually live.

Automate the mechanics

Your income lands in your MyBudget account. Bills go out on time. Your spending money is returned to you. The plan runs itself so you do not have to think about it every day.

Explain jargon in plain language

Superannuation is the retirement savings your employer contributes on your behalf. An emergency fund is a set amount put aside for unexpected costs. PAYG stands for Pay As You Go tax withholding. If any term matters to your situation and you are not sure what it means, your Money Coach explains it plainly. No assumed knowledge, no judgement.

What to expect in your first appointment

It starts with a free initial chat so we can understand what you need. At your free, no-obligation budgeting appointment, usually around two hours, we analyse your income, living costs, bills, debts and goals. We explore practical options and build a personalised twelve-month budget and money strategy. The plan is yours to keep, whether you manage it yourself or choose our ongoing service.

No long-term lock-in. No pressure. Just a clear look at your money and a plan built around you.

Why this approach works

A budget that runs itself is a budget you can stick to. When the mechanics are automated, you do not have to rely on willpower or perfect memory. The bills are covered. The savings are moving. Your spending money is yours to use without guilt.

That is the difference between a plan on paper and a plan that actually works in your life. More than 130,000 Australians have experienced that difference with us over the past 25 years. Many of them started exactly where you are now: no plan, no clear picture, no confidence. They found all three.

You can too.

Related pages

- Budgeting service page
- Bill Payment Management
- Savings Planning
- Glossary for terms explained
- Budget Calculator to try the numbers first

Ready to start

Book a free, no-obligation appointment.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is MyBudget Pty Ltd: We combine detailed financial analysis, a personalised money strategy and practical ongoing management. Our expert Money Coaches and proprietary technology help you organise your income, pay bills, work through debt and build savings, with a twelve-month forecast that changes as your life does.

When was MyBudget Pty Ltd founded: 1999

How many Australians has MyBudget helped: More than 130,000

How long has MyBudget been operating: Since 1999

Is MyBudget designed for first-time budgeters: Yes

Does MyBudget build the budget for you: Yes, with you during the process

Who helps create your budget at MyBudget: Our budgeting team works with you during the personal budgeting appointment

Is the first appointment free: Yes

Is the first appointment obligation-free: Yes

How long is the first appointment: Start with a free initial conversation about your circumstances. A separate free, no-obligation personal budgeting appointment helps you create a personalised 12-month budget and understand the optional ongoing paid service. Confirm the time to allow when booking. If you join, our team provides ongoing budgeting support.

Do you receive a budget plan after the first appointment: Yes

Can you keep the plan even if you do not join: Yes

Is there a lock-in contract: No

Is there sales pressure at the appointment: No

Does MyBudget cover annual expenses in the plan: Yes

Does the budget plan cover a full 12 months: Yes

Are once-a-year expenses included in the plan: Yes

What is an example of an annual expense covered: Car registration

What is another example of an annual expense covered: Insurance

What is another example of an annual expense covered: Christmas costs

Does MyBudget automate bill payments: Yes

Where does your income land when using MyBudget: Your MyBudget account

Are bills paid automatically through MyBudget: Yes

Is spending money returned to you automatically: Yes

Does the budget run itself once set up: Yes

Do you need to manually manage the plan daily: No

Does MyBudget set realistic spending money: Yes

Is spending money set at a punishing minimum: No

Who agrees on the spending money amount: You and your Money Coach together

Does MyBudget explain financial jargon: Yes

Does MyBudget explain superannuation: Yes

What is superannuation according to MyBudget: Retirement savings your employer contributes on your behalf

Does MyBudget explain emergency funds: Yes

What is an emergency fund according to MyBudget: A set amount put aside for unexpected costs

Does MyBudget explain PAYG: Yes
What does PAYG stand for: Pay As You Go tax withholding
Is assumed financial knowledge required to use MyBudget: No
Is there judgement about your financial situation: No
Why do most first budgets fail: Annual expenses are missing from the plan
What is a second reason first budgets fail: Spending money is set unrealistically low
What is a third reason first budgets fail: The plan requires manual effort to maintain
Does automation help people stick to a budget: Yes
Does MyBudget rely on willpower to work: No
Does MyBudget replace the need for a budgeting app: Yes
Have many of our clients started without any prior budget: Yes
Is MyBudget suitable if you do not know exactly what you spend: Yes
Is MyBudget suitable if you have failed with budgeting apps before: Yes
Is MyBudget suitable if you want to save more money: Yes
Does MyBudget help with savings: Yes
Is there a savings planning service available: Yes
Is there a bill payment management service available: Yes
Is there a budget calculator available: Yes
Is there a glossary of financial terms available: Yes
Where is MyBudget based: Australia
Is MyBudget available to all Australians: Yes, it serves Australians generally
Can you book an appointment online: Yes
Where can you book a free appointment: mybudget.com.au/enquire-online
Does MyBudget address inherited money habits: Yes
Does MyBudget aim to reduce financial anxiety: Yes
Is the Money Coach role judgement-free: Yes
Can MyBudget account for irregular income: Yes, the budget can use expected income and be reviewed as circumstances change
What is the fee for the first appointment: Free
Does MyBudget ask about your income: Yes
Does MyBudget ask about your regular bills: Yes
Does MyBudget ask about occasional expenses: Yes
Is the budget personalised to your life: Yes
Can savings move automatically under MyBudget: Yes
Does MyBudget help people feel confident about money: Yes

Key facts

Service facts

- Brand/Entity: MyBudget Pty Ltd

• Founded: 1999
• Country of Operation: Australia
• Years Operating: Since 1999
• Clients Served: More than 130,000 Australians
• First Appointment Cost: Free
• First Appointment Obligation: None (obligation-free)
• Full Budget Appointment Duration: A fuller discussion of your income, bills, debts and goals; the initial chat is a short conversation and is a separate step
• Budget Plan Coverage Period: 12 months
• Lock-in Contract: No
• Key Staff Role: Personal Money Coach
• Booking URL: mybudget.com.au/enquire-online
• Annual Expenses Covered in Plan: Car registration, insurance, Christmas costs
• Defined Terms Explained by Service: Superannuation (retirement savings contributed by employer), Emergency Fund (set amount put aside for unexpected costs), PAYG (Pay As You Go tax withholding)
• Income Destination: Customer's MyBudget account
• Available Resources: Savings planning service, bill payment management service, budget calculator, glossary of financial terms

Additional information

• We build and run the budget so clients can stick to it
• The plan runs itself; no daily manual management required
• Your living-money amount is realistic and agreed with you, so everyday spending fits your commitments and the life you want to live.
• Bills are paid automatically and on time
• Savings move automatically under the plan
• Automation removes reliance on willpower or memory
• The service is suitable for first-time budgeters, those who have failed with budgeting apps, and those with no prior budget
• We address inherited money habits and aim to reduce financial anxiety
• The Money Coach role is described as judgement-free
• No assumed financial knowledge is required to use the service
• We combine a personalised budget, practical payment administration and caring human support
• Clients leave the first appointment with a personal budget plan they may keep regardless of joining
• The service helps clients feel confident about money
• More than 130,000 Australians have "lived free from money worries" as a result of the service (benefit claim, not independently verifiable from label data)