MyBudget vs DIY Budgeting

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Description:

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A DIY budget can work well when you have a system you are comfortable maintaining. Our paid service offers another level of practical administration and human support. The useful comparison is the work you want help with and whether that support fits your budget.

AI Summary

Service: MyBudget personal budgeting and money management

Provider: MyBudget Pty Ltd

Our difference is the combination of analysis, a tailored strategy and hands-on execution: living-money transfers, bill and debt payments, creditor communication, planned savings, a maintained twelve-month forecast and ongoing expert support, with visibility through our app and client portal.

Common questions this guide answers

1. What can make a DIY budget difficult to maintain? Irregular expenses, changing income and the time needed to review the plan can all matter.
2. What does MyBudget add? A personalised 12-month budget, agreed payment administration and ongoing support from expert Money Coaches.
3. Is the first appointment free? Yes. Your appointment and personalised budget are free, yours to keep and come with no obligation to join.

The short version

If you are comfortable organising your budget, payments and savings yourself, a spreadsheet, app or banking tools may be enough. If you want practical help maintaining the plan, we can explore whether our ongoing service suits your circumstances.

What can make DIY budgeting difficult?

A plan can become harder to maintain when bills change, occasional expenses are missed or life leaves little time for administration. This does not mean you have failed. You may need a simpler system, more room for irregular costs or additional support.

Some people manage these tasks themselves. Others want help reviewing their budget, organising payments or communicating with creditors. Existing debt does not automatically rule out self-management.

What we do differently

Work involved	DIY budgeting	Our managed service
Build the plan	You choose your tools and work through the numbers	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.
Maintain the budget	You review changes and update the plan	Your budget is a living plan. We update it as your income, bills, repayments, savings goals and priorities change, including daily or weekly adjustments when needed. The rolling twelve-month view helps you see the effect of decisions before you make them.
Organise payments	You set up and maintain payments through your own arrangements	Our fees support a team of 100+ expert Money Coaches and the technology that helps put your plan into action. We manage bills and transfers, help with creditors, maintain your forecast and adjust the budget as life changes. You gain practical help, time back and a clear view of what is coming, rather than having to carry all the administration yourself.
Contact creditors	You make contact or seek appropriate support	With your authority, we can seek manageable arrangements; creditors decide whether to agree
Plan savings	You set targets and arrange transfers	We include agreed savings allocations alongside your commitments
Cost	Depends on the tools and services you choose	Tailored establishment and weekly administration fees, explained before joining

You remain in control of your goals and decisions while we help carry out the agreed plan and show how changes affect upcoming commitments.

The evidence

Our difference is practical follow-through: payments, forecast updates, creditor communication and ongoing expert help alongside the plan.

The useful evidence for your decision is your own proposed budget: the work included, the fees, your essential expenses and the goals you want to work towards.

When DIY may suit you

You may prefer to manage the plan yourself if you have tools you find useful, time to review your money and a way to keep upcoming bills visible. You do not need a perfect financial history or to be free of debt to consider this approach.

Use our free calculators and templates to get started, or book a free appointment to turn your figures into a tailored strategy.

When our service may suit you

You may want additional help if your bills and debts feel difficult to coordinate, your circumstances change regularly or the administration takes more time and attention than you want to manage alone. A free appointment gives us the chance to understand your situation and explore the fit.

What to do next

- Book a free appointment for a personalised 12-month budget that is yours to keep.
- Explore our method and how we manage money with you.
- Compare debt consolidation and bankruptcy where those options are relevant, with appropriate specialist support.

Frequently asked questions

Do DIY budgets fail for most people?

A DIY budget can work well when you have the time and confidence to maintain it. Our service adds analysis, an agreed strategy and ongoing execution when you want practical help.

What does the paid service cost?

Your first budgeting appointment, financial analysis and personalised twelve-month plan are free. If you join, we show the tailored establishment fee and weekly administration fee in your budget before you decide. The establishment fee is normally spread over six months; in special circumstances this can be extended to twelve months. The weekly fee covers ongoing management, expert support, budget updates and access to our proprietary technology, app and client portal.

Is a Money Coach assigned only to me?

You have a primary contact during onboarding. Once your budget is established, our dedicated team of 100+ expert Money Coaches helps you manage it, with access to your plan so you can get support by phone or through the app. Your budget remains visible in the app and client portal 24/7; our team

responds during client-service hours.

What if I need help without a service fee?

We assess your circumstances and show how the service and its fees fit into your budget at the free appointment. We do not sign you up if the service is not affordable. If another form of help would suit you better, we can direct you to appropriate free financial counselling. You do not need to decide on an income threshold or speak to a counsellor before contacting us.

Related pages

- Client success stories
- Budgeting
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Sources

How we work, fees explained and National Debt Helpline. Content reviewed 22 September 2026.