

considering student loans?

Student loans are a fact of life for many. Education is a valuable investment, but the more you borrow, and the longer you take to pay, the more it can cost.

Loan amount	Interest rate	# years to pay off	Total cost	Monthly payment
\$10,000	3%	5	\$12,165	\$202
\$30,000	3%	5	\$36,497	\$608
\$10,000	3%	10	\$14,559	\$121
\$30,000	3%	10	\$43,677	\$363

Check out the student loan calculator at www.canlearn.ca.

Source: Canlearn

saving & investing

- Pay yourself first
- Put your money to work using compound interest
- Save early
- Choose the best financial institution for you

credit & borrowing

- Credit is a powerful tool – it can help you achieve your goals, but use with care
- Understand the cost and terms of your loans and credit cards
- Cheque cashers & payday lenders – an expensive choice
- Your credit rating is your financial reputation

shopping for a credit card?

- You must have reached the age of majority in your province to apply without a co-signer
- Read and understand the terms
- What is the interest rate?
- What is the 'grace period' on purchases and cash advances?
- Borrow only what you can manage
- Keep your card safe

keeping money safe

- Keep your personal information and ID safe
- Don't share passwords or PINs
- Keep track of your accounts

it's your money

- Choose your goals, work toward them
- Budget to manage your money
- Save and gain from compound interest
- Use your credit wisely
- Protect your money

How to turn \$10 into \$10,000*

Watch the magic of compound interest turn \$10 a month into \$10,000* by the time you retire:

Age 16:	\$10
18:	\$245
20:	\$500
35:	\$2,798
40:	\$3,737
65:	\$10,221

* assumes 2.1% interest, not adjusted for inflation


online resources

Canadian Bankers Association
www.yourmoney.cba.ca
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your worksheet



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your worksheet

1. Budgeting and financial planning can help you:

- a) discover the secret to happiness
- b) become a millionaire
- c) achieve your goals

2. Saving money is:

- a) a drag
- b) something to worry about when you're older
- c) a way to have choices in your life

3. Credit and debt are:

- a) to be avoided at all costs
- b) tools you use when you need them
- c) a shopper's best friend

4. Scams, fraud and identity theft mean that:

- a) it's best to keep your money hidden under a mattress
- b) you might as well just spend whatever you have
- c) you have to use care to protect your assets and documents

setting goals & budgeting

Think about what you want in life. Include short-term goals, like things you want to do in the near future, and long-term goals that may be several years away.

My goals	When?
Buy a computer	
Education	
Own a condo/home	
Start a business	
Start a career	
Start a family	
Buy a car	
Travel	
My goal is ...	
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why budget?

- Organized way of managing money
- Helps keep track of where your money is coming and going
- Achieve short and long-term goals



Are you ready for real life? In a few years, you may be out on your own. Try the reality check budget for a glimpse of the future:

reality check budget

What are your fixed expenses?	Rent	+
	Groceries	+
	Transportation	+
	Cable/satellite TV/internet	+
	Telephone/cell	+
	Utilities	+
	Laundry	+
What are your variable expenses?	Movies, books, magazines	+
	Dining out	+
	Concerts & clubs	+
	Clothing	+
What are your savings goals?	e.g. \$50/month towards a backpacking adventure	+
Total all expenses		=
What's your monthly income?	(Income per month)	
What's left?	– Some: Money you can save for other goals, major expenses or emergencies – None: Need to review your budget and find expenses to cut	

how much do people make?

Here are some average monthly paycheques after expenses and deductions. Remember, your starting salary may be less!

Source: FCAC: The City

Auto mechanic	\$ 2,415
Nurse	\$ 4,206
Engineer	\$ 4,033
Plumber	\$ 3,327
Web designer	\$ 3,375
Teacher	\$ 4,011
Bartender	\$ 1,649
Hairdresser	\$ 1,622