

Career Income Budgeting

Step 1

- Log in to the Career Cruising Website
- Click on a career that you investigated for your Career Cruising project
- Write down what the estimated annual salary is for an entry-level position in this field. If the pay is given on an hourly basis, calculate how much you would earn working 40 hours per week for one year (there are 52 weeks in a year).
- Write down the estimated annual gross salary:

Estimated Annual Gross Salary

Step 2

- Go to <http://isminsurance.ca/calculators/canada/income-tax>
- Click on the “Calculate” button
- In the box beside “Taxable Income,” type in your estimated annual salary and click “Calculate” again
- Look at the numbers for British Columbia and fill in the table below

Tax Payable
Net Income (also called “After Tax Income”)

Step 3

- Saving money for the future and for unforeseen expenses is important. For the purpose of this assignment, calculate what 10% is of your total net income. 10% = \$ _____
- Subtract this dollar amount from your net income. This new number will be the money you actually have to spend in a year. Record this here:

Total After Tax and Savings

Step 4

- To calculate your monthly budget, divide the number above by 12 and record it here:

My Monthly Budget

Reflection Questions

Were you surprised by what your final monthly budget was? Why or why not?

Make a list of the five most important things that you see yourself spending money on every month, and approximately how much each will cost. Be sure to include the essentials!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Do you think your monthly budget will allow you to live the lifestyle that you hope to live? Will you need to make changes to your lifestyle?
