



KNOW YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES

It's about having a crystal-clear understanding of where you stand financially, including the basics: your income, expenses, assets, and liabilities. This knowledge isn't just numbers on a page—it's your roadmap to knowing exactly where your money goes, how much you're bringing in, what you own, what you owe, and, crucially, how much you can safely set aside to chase those big dreams.

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Income

Know how much money you earn from all your income sources - job, side hustle, business, rental income, investment income, etc.

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Expenses

Know how much money you spend weekly or monthly - bills, debts, etc.

Assets

Know the value of all your assets. Ensure you get regular valuations - car, land, house, etc.

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Liabilities

Know how much you owe, the interest rate, your repayment amount, and time left to repayment.

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Expenses

FIXED EXPENSES

Costs that do not or hardly change.

- Debt payments - mortgage, car, student loan, land loan, personal loans
- Phone / TV / internet packages
- Insurance - life, health
- Child(ren) - day care, school fees
- Rent

VARIABLE EXPENSES

Costs that vary based on how much you use.

- Utilities - water, electricity, gas
- Groceries
- Car - gas, servicing
- Cell phone
- Pet - food

DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES

Costs that are at your discretion, i.e. things you want but do not need.

- Socialising
- Grooming - nails, lashes, barber, eyebrows, skin, salon, waxing
- Self Care - therapy, gym, massage
- Paid Services - maid, laundromat, car wash, gardener

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Assets

real estate

Example: house
valued in
December
2023 at BBD
\$275,000

value &
valuation
date

vehicle

Example: car
valued for car
insurance in
December
2023 at BBD
\$22,000

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Liabilities

Mortgage

Example: Original Mortgage was \$280,000. Balance is \$190,318.17, interest is 3.5%, payment is \$1,257.33 monthly and I have 16 years left.

- 1.principal
- 2.balance
- 3.interest
- 4.payment
- 5.time left

Car Loan

Example: car was \$40,000. Balance is \$14,683.29, interest is 6%, payment is \$773.31 and I have 20 months left.

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