Your written financial plan

Having a written financial plan could help you be clear on your priorities and have a sense of whether you're on track to achieve your financial wellbeing goals.

This template will help guide you through the process. You'll see from the questions that a financial strategy only forms part of a written financial plan. What's more important is whether what you'll do gives you happiness and purpose.



Part 1: Track your finances

What's your monthly net household income?

How much do you have outstanding in unsecured debt?

£ How much do you have at the end of each month? How much are you putting into long-term savings each month £ – include employer and government contributions? How much do you (and your partner, if applicable) currently £ have saved in long-term savings – your pensions for example? Given how much you have in short-term savings accounts, months how many months could you live without income? Below are popular long-term financial goals. Yes No Are any of these goals important to you too? To pay for personal development (for example qo to university / school / learn a skill) To be better off than my peers Experience the excitement of investing Start a new business Buy a house Help pay for my kids' college education Stop working and do something I love Go on a dream holiday Relocate in retirement Care for my aging parents Give to charity or other causes I care about Feel secure about my finances in retirement Feel secure about my finances now Leave an inheritance to my loved ones Retire early Pay for future medical expenses Not be a financial burden to my family as I grow older

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Part 2: Where you're coming from and where you might go

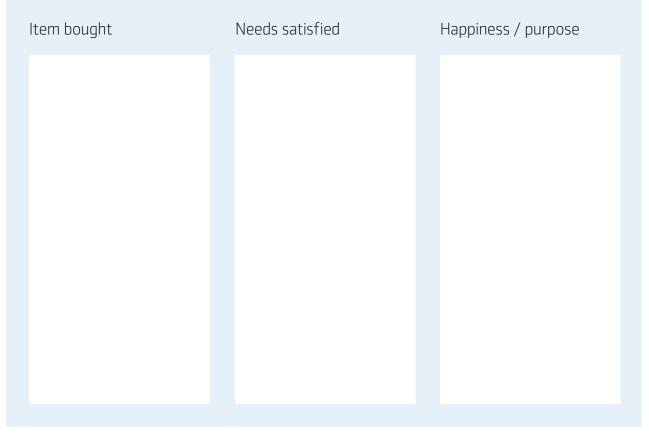
Please note down up to three occasions when you were really happy.

When answering this question, think about the things that made you feel truly relaxed or happy. And think about the things that made you feel engaged, competent or useful.

Please note down a minimum of three things that give you happiness and three things that give you purpose currently.

Happiness:Purpose:Things that make you feel
happy or relaxedThings that make you feel competent,
engaged or useful

Now thinking of finances, please write down up to 10 items that you're currently spending a lot of money on (essentials and non-essentials) and what needs these items satisfy. Also ask yourself whether that need contributes to the things and experiences that give you a sense of happiness and purpose.



Picture it – on Thursday 27 November 2035, you're aged

Where would you like to be?

What will you be doing?

Who will you be with?

What do you have planned for the upcoming weekend?

What do you think might give you happiness and purpose in 20 years' time?

What long-term investment goals might you have, considering what gives you purpose and happiness now and what might give you purpose and happiness in the future?

One of the most useful ways to help you plan and prepare to save for your preferred lifestyle in the future is to use digital tools such as our <u>Retirement Planner</u>. You can get a forecast of your likely pension income to help plan and weigh up options for retirement.

If you have access to an online pension account service you could activate your account, if you haven't already done so, and sign in to explore what you could achieve by making small changes. You might also have access to a modelling tool in your online account – letting you pull financial levers and undertake 'what if' analysis before committing to an action.

Financial advice and guidance is highly recommended to help decide the best course of action for you and your circumstances. You may have to pay for financial advice. If you don't already have a financial adviser you can find one through <u>MoneyHelper</u>. This government-sponsored financial guidance organisation can also help with debt advice, money and pensions.

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