



Reality Check

Choosing a career is one of life's major decisions and part of that decision-making process must include the kind of lifestyle you want to have – what will it cost you to support yourself? This activity will allow you to see the options for the typical costs you will have, and will then show you the types of careers that will fit within the budget you have created for yourself.

To get started, go to the Assessment tab then click Reality Check near the bottom of the window. Click Play to watch the video introduction. There are several options for learning about a budget. For this exercise, please select the “Start Your Reality Check” option.

1. After you answered all of your budgeting questions, what salary do you need to have the life style you have chosen?
2. What is the total for your monthly expenses?
3. View and list 3 occupations and which career clusters they belong to that you are interested in that are within the salary range for the lifestyle you have chosen.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. Explain why you selected these 3 occupations – what about them appeals to you?
5. After reviewing the profile on each of the 3 occupations you selected, how do you feel these occupations will present a challenge or good fit for you? Respond for each occupation that you explored.