

Activity 10 – Making budgeting decisions

The aim of this activity is to assess whether the claimant is able to make budgeting decisions, either simple or complex.

Notes:

Complex budgeting decisions are those that are involved in calculating household and personal budgets, managing and paying bills and planning future purchases.

Simple budgeting decisions are those that are involved in activities such as calculating the cost of goods and change required following purchases.

Assistance in this activity refers to another person carrying out elements, although not all, of the decision making process for the claimant.

A	Can manage complex budgeting decisions unaided.	0
<p>Within the assessment criteria, the ability to perform an activity 'unaided' means without either the use of aids or appliances; or help from another person.</p>		
B	Needs prompting or assistance to be able to make complex budgeting decisions.	
<p>This descriptor applies to people who need assistance with managing their household bills or planning future purchases. A level of vulnerability due to a cognitive or developmental impairment which leaves the person vulnerable as a result of not understanding everyday financial matters should also be considered.</p> <p>This activity also applies to people who need prompting, e.g. those who need to be encouraged or reminded to make complex budgeting decisions.</p> <p>Where bad budgeting decisions are made, consideration must be</p>		2

	<p>given to whether this is as a result of a health condition or impairment.</p> <p>Similarly, some individuals may lack motivation to carry out this activity and consideration must be given to whether this is as a result of a health condition or impairment and whether the individual would carry out the activity if they really had to, for example if they were to receive a final notice to pay a bill.</p>	
C	Needs prompting or assistance to be able to make simple budgeting decisions.	
	<p>‘Prompting’ means reminding, encouraging or explaining by another person. For example: may apply to claimants who need to be encouraged or reminded to make simple financial decisions or who need assistance to manage simple budgeting independently.</p>	4
D	Cannot make any budgeting decisions at all.	6