

FINANCIAL FITNESS:
LEVEL UP

BUYING YOUR FIRST CAR



It's time to buy your first car. But before you rush to pick up the keys, there are a few things to consider.

Buying a car, even second-hand, is more expensive than you might think. There are many costs beyond the actual car, as well as the different payment options available for the car itself.

If you want to buy the car **outright**, you could either **save up** for it and pay it in one lump sum, or you could **borrow the money** in the form of a loan and pay it back over time with interest.

Otherwise, you may want to **lease the car**, or use a hire-purchase scheme through a dealer. Both will include an **up-front deposit**, and **monthly payments** over an agreed amount of time.

Use the table here to help you understand the total monthly and annual running costs of owning your own car.



CAR COSTS

Cost of Car
MOT
Servicing
Fuel or Electric Charging
Tax
Maintenance
Tyres
Insurance
Breakdown Cover
Legal Cover
Parking Permit

MONTHLY COST

ANNUAL COST

TOTAL MONTHLY COST

TOTAL ANNUAL COST

Use this if you finance your car. If you paid outright, it'll be a one-off payment so you can leave this blank.