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Starting out on your own is an exciting yet overwhelming time with so much to learn – from basic budgeting to getting a car loan. The items below are the most common things that you might consider as you prepare for your new independence!

### Prospera® Offered Services

-  Basic financial services - open checking and savings accounts; set up online services
-  Set up a monthly budget - complete Prospera Budgeting Worksheet (available in hardcopy and/or online in electronic format)
-  Understand and build credit rating - reference document *Understanding Your FICO® Score* (available in hardcopy and/or online in electronic format)
-  Determine other financial service needs - auto loan, credit card, debt consolidation, additional savings accounts such as holiday club savings and/or savings for future auto, home, etc
-  Consider a plan for future saving and investing - free financial check up with Prospera Investment Services

### Other Items for Your Consideration

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|  Payment plan for student debt                                   |  Purchase of additional life insurance - beyond what is offered by your employer  |
|  Plan for transportation - buying versus leasing                 |  Plan for health insurance and other employee benefits such as 401k, etc  |
|  Plan for living space - buying versus renting                   |  Plan for completion of W-4 and other employer forms (remember to list at least one beneficiary whenever it is noted on a form) |
|  Plan for other expenses such as work clothing and entertainment |  Plan for tax preparation - will you use a professional or do it yourself (DIY)   |
|  Review and/or set up auto insurance                             |  |

For items not directly offered by Prospera Credit Union, please visit [myprospera.com/lifestage](http://myprospera.com/lifestage) for a list of helpful resources. (We will add additional resources and local referrals as they come to our attention. Do you know of a great resource or local referral? Let us know and we'll see if we can add it!)

Membership eligibility requirement.



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