# Financial literacy − moving out

This activity is part of a series of activities focused on financial literacy. It introduces costs and assistance when moving out of home to live independently.

Duration: 45 minutes

**Focus of the learning**

* Identify the various costs associated with moving out to live independently.
* Recognise which costs are ongoing and which are one off costs.
* Weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of living at home versus living independently.
* Recognise where to seek assistance when moving out or living independently.

**What you need**

* access to the internet and laptop/tablet/phone
* online access to the [ASIC MoneySmart website](https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/)

### Activity – Counting the cost

This [ASIC MoneySmart website](https://moneysmart.gov.au/student-life-and-money/moving-out-of-home) contains useful information for young people moving out of home, including the costs of moving out alone or sharing with a flat mate.

Watch [Goodbye family, hello bills - MoneySmart Rookie video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuxijK0v-Ts).

* Brainstorm and record the various costs you associate with moving out to live.

Complete the [Counting the cost worksheet](#_Counting_the_cost) to classify costs as ongoing or one off.

Watch the clip [Moving Out – MoneySmart Rookie](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqMnHW3x7U4).

* Record a list of pros and cons of living at home versus living independently.

### Activity – Case study

Read the case study.

James currently lives at home with his parents. He studies full-time and works part-time at the local chemist. He wants to rent a furnished single room in a shared house for $600 a month but wonders if he can afford it.

Consider the various expenses that James might come across if he moves out.

* Determine how much you think James would need to earn to successfully live out of home in the share house. Justify your answer.

Create a checklist to support people who are thinking of moving out for the first time. List what expenses they need to account for and what actions they need to take. For example:

* research the area – where is the closest bus stop or train station, supermarket, ATM, petrol station and doctor? Are they within walking distance?
* Pay off any existing bills before moving, and change or cancel any memberships you have (e.g. local clubs or the gym).
* Sell unwanted items - Get rid of any unwanted items you have to raise extra money for items at the new place.

The MoneySmart website provides ideas for young people looking to move out.

### Resources

* [Sophie rents using credit – MoneySmart Rookie video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXFyTICCd4g)

### Counting the cost worksheet

Below are a list of costs associated with moving out. Classify each cost as an ongoing cost or a one-off cost and record in the appropriate table column below.

**Costs**

* rent
* removalist fees
* rental bond
* renter's insurance
* utility bills like gas, water and electricity
* food
* hiring a moving truck
* connection fees for phone/ internet
* entertainment and transport
* credit cards
* personal loans
* gas and electricity connections
* parking permits
* furniture and furnishings
* linen and kitchenware

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| Ongoing costs | One-off costs |
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