



Your Turn: Money School
TO DO LIST

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IT'S UP TO YOU TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU APPLY.

THIS HANDY SUMMARY OF THE 'YOUR TURN' SECTIONS LETS YOU CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONALISED ACTION LIST.

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YOUR S.T.G. LISTS

Take a moment to write down the daily and weekly stuff you do, and where it fits into your shit, needs and gold circles. What shit would you get rid of if you could? What gold would you like to do more often? How would being FITR help reduce the shit and boost the gold? Keep your list somewhere handy – it's excellent motivation to keep moving on your FITR journey.

SHIT

NEEDS

GOLD

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YOUR SAVING GOALS

Ready to get on the way to FI? Start by setting your saving goals.

ITEM		CALC (IF ANY)	UNIT	YOUR NUMBERS
A	Saving rate as a %		%	<input type="text"/>
B	After-tax pay		\$/month	<input type="text"/>
C	Saving rate as \$	$A \times B$	\$/month	<input type="text"/>
D	Current buffer fund		\$	<input type="text"/>
E	Current living costs		\$/month	<input type="text"/>
F	Target buffer fund size		months	<input type="text"/>
G	Target buffer fund balance	$E \times F$	\$	<input type="text"/>
H	Gap to buffer target	$G - D$	\$	<input type="text"/>
I	Time to reach target	$H \div C$	months	<input type="text"/>
J	Month when you'll reach target	Today + I	month	<input type="text"/>
K	Celebrate by...	<input type="text"/>		

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SAVING NEXT STEPS

Choose the best savings account you can: no fees, highest interest earned, no tricky conditions.

Set up the account so it's not linked to cards and not visible on your online banking.

Set up your 'pay yourself first' process:

- *ask payroll to send your savings amount directly to your account via your pay, or*
- *set up a direct bank transfer to move the money across after you're paid, or*
- *add calendar notes to do the transfer immediately after you've received your earnings.*

Add a calendar note on the date when you expect to switch from buffer to FI fund: the action in that note is to make the switch.

If you're going for rewards: choose the celebration you'll have when you hit that switching point.

Feel free to also add a mini-celebration or two to your calendar at different milestones, such as when you're halfway there. If it's going to take a long time to hit your target, that will help keep you motivated.

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SHARES NEXT STEPS

If you've never traded shares before, consider a virtual account to test the experience. These are offered by a number of trading platforms.

I particularly like the [ASX Sharemarket Game](#) which is open to the public twice a year. It's not useful for strategy given the short timeline (fifteen weeks) if you're a buy-and-hold type, but it will take you through the process of clicking 'buy', helping you get comfortable with how it works.

If you're trying share trading for the first time, remember it's okay to start with small amounts of money while you're getting the hang of it.

If you already own shares, now would be a good time to check your dividends and growth. Are they at a level you're happy with?

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YOUR FI SUPPLY

here's your chance to record your targets from this chapter's calculations, and don't forget [our handy calculator](#) if you need it:

ITEM		CALC (IF ANY)	UNIT	YOUR NUMBERS
<i>A</i>	<i>After-tax APIT</i>		<i>\$/yr</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>B</i>	<i>Effective tax rate</i>		<i>%</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>C</i>	<i>Before-tax APIT</i>	$A \div (1-B)$	<i>\$/yr</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>D</i>	<i>Cash interest rate</i>		<i>%</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>E</i>	<i>Yield rate</i>		<i>%</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>F</i>	<i>TFIFS</i>	$C \div E$	<i>\$</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>G</i>	<i>Current asset value (total)</i>		<i>\$</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>H</i>	<i>Current asset-related debt (total)</i>		<i>\$</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>I</i>	<i>Current equity</i>	$G - H$	<i>\$</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>J</i>	<i>Gap to TFIFS</i>	$F - I$	<i>\$</i>	<input type="text"/>
<i>K</i>	<i>Time to reach TFIFS</i>	<i>from chart</i>	<i>years</i>	<input type="text"/>

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SUPER HYGIENE CHECK

Do you have more than one account? Pick the best one (noting fees, investment strategy and insurance), and roll the others into that. Exceptions: you may have a defined benefits fund you want to keep separate, or multiple life/TPD policies you want to maintain.

Do you have the right insurance? Decide whether you want life, TPD and/or income protection insurance, and check they're optimised.

What are your fees? If you're not convinced your fees are reasonable: can you find a better option within your fund, or are you willing to switch to another fund?

Are you happy with the investment mix? Change the investment choice if you're not.

Will you make extra contributions? For most people committed to FITR, this will be a 'no'. For those closer to retirement age, it may be more relevant.

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'MONEY IN' RISK MGMT

What will you put in place to prevent 'money in' drops?

- *Do you foresee a reduction in demand for your skills? What will you do to proactively deal with this?*
- *What will you do to maintain your qualifications?*
- *What will you do to remain connected to your network?*
- *Do you want income protection insurance?*

What would you do to manage if your income suddenly dropped?

- *How long will your buffer fund sustain you? That's how long you've got to find alternative income. What non-essential spending would you cut to make that buffer fund last longer?*
- *What social security and other help is available to you?*

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EXPENSES RISK MGMT

What kinds of comfort creep are you susceptible to? What can you do to limit potential for it?

What insurance do you need in place?

- *building*
- *contents*
- *car*
- *health?*

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PASSIVE INCOME RISK MGMT

Are you confident that your portfolio is diverse enough to smooth out income drops? If not, what can you do about it?

What do you need to monitor so you can take action to keep your assets performing?

If you did experience a passive income drop:

- *How long could your buffer fund sustain your living costs?*
- *What costs could you quickly cut to reduce your expenses?*
- *What paid work could you pursue to provide more income?*

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TIME RICH OPTIONS

Start by thinking about what interests you. Look within by asking a few questions of yourself:

- *What are you interested in learning?*
- *What relationships would you like to strengthen?*
- *What would you like to see/do that you haven't been able to do while working?*
- *What legacy would you like to leave?*

Beyond your personal interests, consider the world around you:

- *What problems would you like to see solved?*
- *What help does your family and/or community need?*
- *What organisations or missions would you like to support?*

Once you've got a list of ideas, you can look at each option and think about how to get there.

Given what you've read about lifestyle options – like part-time work and mini-retirements – and options to pursue new interests like study, volunteering, a new job or starting an enterprise: how can you pursue those ideas? What might work for you? Write down some options, pick one and get started.

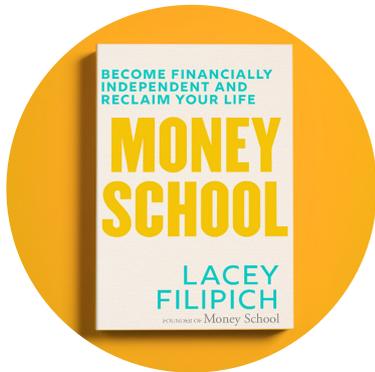
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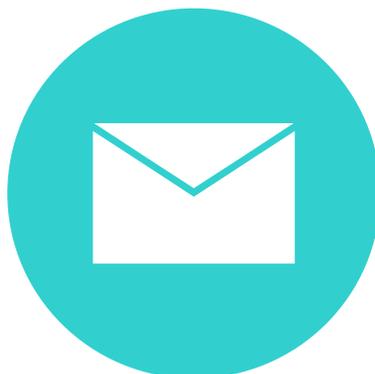
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