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MODULE 3 • LESSON 18 OF 40

How to Build an Emergency Fund

Focus Keyword: emergency fund

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn what an emergency fund is, why every person should have one, how much you should save, and how to build it gradually through consistent saving.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Life is unpredictable. Unexpected events such as medical emergencies, job loss, home repairs, vehicle breakdowns, or family emergencies can happen at any time. An emergency fund provides financial protection and peace of mind, allowing you to deal with these situations without relying on loans or credit. Building this fund is one of the smartest financial decisions you can make.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

☐ I understand that emergencies can happen unexpectedly.

☐ I want to become financially prepared.

☐ I am committed to saving consistently.

☐ I will complete every activity honestly.

MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"An emergency fund is not for spending—it's for protecting your future when life takes an unexpected turn."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

Why do you want to build an emergency fund?

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ACTIVITY 1

Identify Possible Financial Emergencies

Write down five situations where an emergency fund could help you.

1. ______
2. ______
3. ______
4. ______
5. ______

ACTIVITY 2

Emergency Fund Readiness Self-Assessment

Statement	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Yet
I have emergency savings.	☐	☐	☐
I save money every month.	☐	☐	☐
I know my monthly essential expenses.	☐	☐	☐
I avoid using emergency savings for non-emergencies.	☐	☐	☐
I have an emergency savings goal.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. What is an emergency fund?

2. Why is an emergency fund important?

3. Name three situations where an emergency fund could be useful.

4. Why should emergency savings be kept separate from everyday spending money?

5. What is one strategy for building an emergency fund consistently?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Save a small amount of money specifically for your emergency fund every day for the next **7 days**.

At the end of the week, calculate your total savings and write how you plan to continue building your fund.

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PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – MY EMERGENCY FUND PLANNER

A. MY ESSENTIAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

Expense	Monthly Cost
Housing	
Food	
Utilities	
Transport	
Healthcare	
Other Essentials	

B. MY EMERGENCY FUND GOAL

Goal	Amount
Starter Emergency Fund	
Long-Term Emergency Fund	

C. MY SAVINGS STRATEGY

Action	Target Date
Save every payday	
Reduce unnecessary spending	
Add extra income to savings	

Action	Target Date
Review progress monthly	

D. REFLECTION

What is the biggest challenge that could prevent you from building an emergency fund, and how will you overcome it?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. The most important reason I need an emergency fund is:

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2. My first emergency savings target is:

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3. One saving habit I will practice consistently is:

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4. The biggest lesson I learned today is:

MY 7-DAY EMERGENCY FUND ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Decide on my emergency fund goal.

Day 2: Open or choose a safe place to keep my emergency savings.

Day 3: Make my first contribution.

Day 4: Reduce one unnecessary expense and save that money.

Day 5: Review my savings progress.

Day 6: Find one additional way to increase my savings.

Day 7: Celebrate my progress and set next week's savings goal.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I completed my Emergency Fund Planner.

☐ I identified my emergency savings goal.

☐ I made my first emergency fund contribution.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 19.

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL AFTER THIS LESSON

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NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 19 – Saving for Short-Term Goals

Learn how to plan and save for short-term financial goals such as education, travel, electronics, business equipment, or major purchases without disrupting your monthly budget.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to building and protecting my emergency fund, saving consistently, and preparing for unexpected financial challenges without sacrificing my long-term financial goals.

Signature: ___________________________

Date: _______________________________