



Early Accumulator Financial Preparedness Checklist Intro:

As part of HB Retirement's Standard of Care, we are pleased to provide a comprehensive checklist for your early career financial planning needs. HB Retirement helps thousands of individuals and families with financial planning needs each year. As a result, we have been able to identify key tasks that you should focus on in various stages of your career/financial life. When you are beginning your career, or first beginning to accumulate assets, things can be very overwhelming. It may be hard to identify and plan for your long-term goals, while achieving what you need to today. To help you with this process, we have created the Early Accumulator Financial Preparedness Checklist.

The goal of this checklist is to help you identify what you are doing well, and what may need some work. HB Retirement is here to help you with any and all items on this checklist. As you complete the checklist, mark **COMPLETED** when you are confident in your strategy, or a task has been completed. Select **WORKING ON** when you have something in place but reviewing it would be beneficial. The last option, **NOT APPLICABLE**, would be your selection if you have not made taken any action for that task or the item does not apply to you.

Please take a few minutes to review the questions in this checklist. It may be helpful for you to complete this with a spouse or family member. Once complete, please return this checklist to a HB Retirement Financial Advisor or our support team at clientservices@hbretirement.com.



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Early Accumulator Financial Checklist:

I. Portfolio Review:

- Can you define your risk profile? If not, please visit our website to take a free Riskalyze Assessment: <https://www.hbretirement.com/>. Completed Working On NA
- Is your investing active only, passive investing only, or a combination? Completed Working On NA
- How do you ensure that the portfolio is optimized to avoid impairments/underperformance over time, especially for lower levels of assets? Completed Working On NA
- Have you recently evaluated your risk tolerance? Ex.) If your investments lost 15%, would you change your strategy? Completed Working On NA
- Is your portfolio appropriately diversified? How many asset classes do you want to hold and why? Completed Working On NA
- Is there a need for alternative investments as diversifiers in your portfolio? Completed Working On NA

II. Financial Planning:

- Have you defined your long-term financial goals? Completed Working On NA
- Will your investment strategy and savings rate meet these goals? Completed Working On NA
- Is a budget and savings strategy clearly outlined? Determine how much savings and sacrifices influence long-term goals. Completed Working On NA
- Do you have a college spending plan - Balancing 529/saving/scholarships, preparing for differing college expenses among children? For more information, please visit www.savingforcollege.com. Completed Working On NA

III. Retirement Planning:

- Have you identified core spending needs (“must haves”)? Completed Working On NA
- Have you identified surplus spending needs (“nice to haves”)? Completed Working On NA
- Have you identified any project spending needs (Start a business, hobbies)? Completed Working On NA
- Do you understand how Social Security works? For more information, please visit www.ssa.gov. Completed Working On NA

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| Have you established an emergency fund? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employer-sponsored retirement plan: do you have a strategy? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have other retirement accounts? Are they aligned with your goals? Should you consolidate accounts? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |

IV. Legacy Planning:

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| Have you defined family/philanthropic gifting goals? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are beneficiary designations up to date? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spending and legacy gap analysis: Are you saving enough and investing correctly to meet your legacy goals? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |

V. Balance Sheet Management & Banking Relationships:

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| Have you reviewed your balance-sheet? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Optimize borrowing strategy: Can you borrow against your assets? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you review loans and mortgages with consideration for long-term spending plan? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Banking: Is there a line-of-credit strategy? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you reviewed your tax strategy: personal and business? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |

VI. Insurance Review:

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| Do you have a set life insurance strategy, including life insurance/income replacement? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you reviewed home insurance for replacement cost coverage, especially in areas with rapidly escalating replacement costs? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you reviewed health, disability and umbrella insurance policies for coverage amounts and beneficiaries? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a need for expanded insurance review? Ex.) Traveler's insurance, pet insurance, inventory of vehicles and hard assets. | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |

VII. Health Savings Account (HSA) (where applicable):

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| Have you set a strategy for accumulating assets in HSA for later use? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you established a policy for addressing health related expenses? | Completed <input type="checkbox"/> | Working On <input type="checkbox"/> | NA <input type="checkbox"/> |

VIII. Estate Planning:

- Do you have a will? Completed Working On NA
- Have you discussed advanced medical directives and durable power of attorney for medical and financial decisions for adults and children; consider sharing with godparents or other adults of influence? Completed Working On NA
- Have you updated all wills, executors, and durable powers of attorney? Completed Working On NA
- Have you established an inheritance/intergenerational gifting strategy? Completed Working On NA

IX. Safety Documentation:

- Have you set a strategy for identity theft protection? Completed Working On NA
- Have you collected a record of safes, storage units, and safe deposit boxes? Also contact or access information for each? Completed Working On NA
- Have you collected next of kin/family contact permissions? Completed Working On NA
- Have you collected records of computer files and passwords, photos of personal property, inventory of vehicles, and confirmation of financing and ownership? Completed Working On NA

What would you like to work on first?

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