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Relocation Budget Calculator

Tool Overview & Reference Spec

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Relocation Budget Calculator - Tool Overview

The Relocation Budget Calculator estimates the one-time costs of moving to Central Alberta - distinct from ongoing monthly living costs - so newcomers and relocators can plan a realistic moving budget.

1. What It Does

- Estimates moving/transport costs, damage deposit, furnishing, vehicle setup, temporary accommodation, and miscellaneous fees.
- Adjusts estimates based on moving distance (within Alberta, from another province, or from outside Canada), household size, and moving method (DIY vs. professional movers).
- Includes optional cost categories via checkboxes: furnishing, vehicle setup, and temporary accommodation.
- Calculates a recommended 10% contingency buffer on top of the itemized total.

2. Inputs

Form Fields

Moving distance: within Alberta, from another province, or from outside Canada

Household size: single through family of 4+

Moving method: DIY (rental truck) or professional movers

Checkboxes: furnishing needed, vehicle involved, temporary accommodation needed

3. Output

An itemized cost table (moving/transport, deposit, furnishing, vehicle fees, temporary accommodation, utility setup, and contingency), a total estimated budget, and a highlighted recommended buffer amount.

4. Important Limitation

International moves involve highly variable flight and shipping costs that this tool does not attempt to estimate precisely - it flags this directly in the output rather than guessing, and shows a placeholder line for flights. This should be clearly communicated if the tool is promoted to newcomers relocating internationally.

5. Recommended Next Steps

- Consider linking output directly to relevant sections of the Relocation Guide and Relocation Checklist.
- If usage data shows strong demand from international movers, consider partnering with a shipping/relocation service for more precise international estimates.
- Cross-check the damage deposit assumption against current Alberta rent figures periodically.

Relocation Budget Calculator Checklist

- ✓ Tested all distance/household/method combinations for reasonable output
 - ✓ Confirmed the international-move disclaimer displays clearly
 - ✓ Linked results to the Relocation Guide and Relocation Checklist
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Try the Live Tool

Open Relocation-Budget-Calculator-WorkCentralAB.html directly in any browser to test the live, interactive version.