


Edit Yearly Budget

Managing your finances effectively requires a clear understanding of where your money is going and how you're allocating resources for future expenses. The **Edit Yearly Budget** feature in Quicken for Windows is designed for this purpose, allowing you to manually adjust your budgeted amounts for each month to reflect expected income and expenses accurately. This feature is particularly useful for tailoring your budget to accommodate irregular expenses or income, such as annual subscriptions or a utility bill that goes up or down depending on the season, ensuring that you have a realistic and functional budget that adapts to your financial situation throughout the year.

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Edit Yearly Budget lets you create a more detailed and flexible monthly budget for a specific category. You must already have an existing budget before you can edit it.

1. Navigate to your existing budget. It will be located under the **Planning** tab **Budgets**. If you have more than one budget, you will need to select the budget you want to edit.
2. Select the category you wish to edit and click the gear icon  for that category.
3. Select **Edit Yearly Budget** from the menu.
4. From the **Edit Yearly Budget** window, you can:
 - **Enter individual budget amounts** for the category for any or all months of the year, as necessary. For example, if you have an expense that occurs annually, it's okay to enter the total amount in the month that you pay it rather than 1/12 of the amount over 12 months.
 - **Select the rollover menu** to change the category's rollover settings. Rollover moves to the next month, the positive (underspent) or negative (overspent) spending from the previous month. This changes the amount you can spend the next month. You can choose to roll over only the positive amounts.
 - **Select Calculate Average** to view and apply the average budget amount for any time period listed.
5. Click **OK** to save your changes.

Tips for editing your budget

- **Review Past Spending:** Before setting your budget, review the past year's spending to ensure your budgeted amounts are realistic.
- **Consider Seasonal Expenses:** Adjust your budget for months with known seasonal expenses, such as holiday gifts or vacation costs, to avoid overspending.
- **Set Realistic Goals:** Use the average spending feature to set achievable budget goals based on your historical spending patterns.
- **Plan for Large Expenses:** For large, infrequent expenses, consider setting aside a portion of the cost each month to spread the financial impact over the year.
- **Monitor and Adjust Regularly:** Revisit your budget periodically and make adjustments as needed to stay on track with your financial goals.

By taking the time to customize your yearly budget with these features and tips, you can create a budget that better reflects your financial life, helping you manage your money more effectively and achieve your financial goals.