

CONCRETE SLAB BUDGET PLANNER

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1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project name	<input type="text"/>	Target start	<input type="text" value="MM / DD / YYYY"/>
Site address	<input type="text"/>	Target completion	<input type="text" value="MM / DD / YYYY"/>
Owner / contact	<input type="text"/>	Province	<input type="text" value="BC / AB / ON / QC ..."/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Municipality	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>	Permit required?	<input type="text" value="Yes / No"/>

2 PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Slab type	<input type="text" value="Driveway / Patio / Garage / Commercial"/>	Total area (m ²)	<input type="text" value="Length × Width"/>
Length (m)	<input type="text"/>	Volume (m ³)	<input type="text" value="Area × Thickness ÷ 1000"/>
Width (m)	<input type="text"/>	Concrete mix	<input type="text" value="20 MPa / 30 MPa / Specialty"/>
Thickness (mm)	<input type="text" value="100 / 125 / 150 / 200"/>	Surface finish	<input type="text" value="Broom / Exposed / Stamped"/>

→ Quick formula: Area = Length × Width (m²). Volume = Area × Thickness (mm) ÷ 1000 (m³). Add a 5–8% waste allowance for irregular shapes.

3 SITE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation and debris cleared | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel base laid — minimum 100 mm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing concrete / asphalt removed | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage slope set — 1 to 2 % |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area staked and string-lined | <input type="checkbox"/> Formwork set and braced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subgrade graded to level | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebar / wire mesh placed and tied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compaction tested if required | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck and pump access confirmed |

→ Confirm truck access, pump placement, wheelbarrow route, and washout area before scheduling the pour.

4 CONCRETE MIX SELECTION GUIDE

Mix type	Strength	Best for	Cost premium
Standard	20 MPa (3,000 psi)	Patios, sidewalks, light residential	Base price
High-strength	30 MPa (4,000 psi)	Driveways, garages, heavy loads	+15 – 25 %
Specialty / fibre	30 + MPa	Commercial, fast-set, cold-weather pours	+30 – 50 %

5 ITEMIZED BUDGET TRACKER

Line item	Supplier / Contractor	Quoted (\$)	Actual (\$)	Variance	Notes
MATERIALS					
Ready-mix concrete (m ³ × rate)					
Rebar / reinforcing steel					
Wire mesh / fibres					
Formwork lumber					
Gravel base / crushed aggregate					
Admixtures (air-entraining, plasticizer, fibre)					
Curing compound / membrane sealer					
Decorative colour / stamping materials					
LABOUR					
Concrete placement and finishing					
Decorative / stamped finish labour					
Reinforcement placement					
Formwork setting and stripping					
SITE PREPARATION					
Excavation and vegetation clearing					
Grading and mechanical compaction					
Gravel base installation					
Disposal / haul-away					
EQUIPMENT & LOGISTICS					
Concrete pump hire					
Equipment rental (mixers, floats, saws)					
Ready-mix truck short-load fee					
Lane-use / site access setup					
PERMITS & INSPECTIONS					
Building permit fee					
Inspection fee					
Engineering / geotechnical (if required)					
CONTINGENCY — 10% of total					
Contingency reserve					
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TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (before tax)		\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	

■ Add GST (5%) for all provinces. HST 13–15% applies in ON, NB, NS, PE, NL. Add GST + QST (9.975%) in QC. Pump hire, short-load fees, and permit costs are frequent budget oversights — confirm all inclusions in writing before signing.

6 CONTRACTOR QUOTE COMPARISON

	Contractor 1	Contractor 2	Contractor 3
Company name			
Phone / email			
Quote total (\$)			
Materials included?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Pump fee included?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Rebar included?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Disposal included?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Warranty (months)			
Earliest start date			
SELECTED?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No

7 QUESTIONS TO ASK TO YOUR CONTACTOR - CHECK EACH WHEN ANSWERED IN WRITING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Is concrete delivery included, or billed separately per m ³ ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is formwork setting and stripping included in the labour rate? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is a pump truck required — and is it included in the quote? | <input type="checkbox"/> What is the workmanship warranty in months or years? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is the short-load fee if less than a full truck is ordered? | <input type="checkbox"/> Who obtains permits and attends inspections? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What surface finish is included: broom, trowel, or exposed? | <input type="checkbox"/> What is the process if the pour is delayed by weather? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How long before the slab can be walked on or driven on? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is rebar or wire mesh included, or priced separately? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What admixtures are being used: air-entraining, plasticizer? | <input type="checkbox"/> What is the payment schedule: deposit, progress, holdback? |

GET IT IN WRITING
 Every scope item, exclusion, and payment term must appear in the signed contract.

CHECK REFERENCES
 Ask for two recent projects of similar size. Visit a finished slab if possible.

HOLD A 10% HOLDBACK
 Release the final 10% only after the slab has fully cured and passed inspection.

