**Costings:**

We evaluated the costs for Auckland as that is the main business hub in New Zealand.

**The weekly cost of living:**

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| [Accommodation](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#1)  **$165.00**  [Power](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$15.10**  [Groceries](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$60.10**  [Transport](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#2)  **$40.85**  [Clothes](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$13.60**  [Takeaways](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$15.65**  [Leisure](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$31.60**  [Toiletries/beauty/makeup](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#3)  **$8.30**  [Phone/internet](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#4)  **$10.00**  [Cellphone](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/tools-and-calculators/on-course-budget-calculator.html#5)  **$7.50**  **Weekly total**  **$367.70** |

After some investigation in to renting a modest Office space it is surprisingly cheap, $230 per week to rent an Office space (really just a large room) with furnishings, power and internet provided:

<https://www.office-hub.co.nz/listing.aspx?SurgaWebListingId=108515>

There are two ways to go when renting computers. The expensive way is to buy new mid-range iMacs (2.8GHz Processor 1TB Storage) for $2,399. The advantage of this is they come with a lot of useful software and they also obviously give you native access to the mac operating system. However the more affordable option is to buy second hand PC’s. You can get a pretty powerful second hand PC for $800 – $1200 on trade me. I guess this depends largely on what platform you are designing your app for. You could also pick up an older model iMac say 2011 for around $800 on trade me.

Visiting a few website led to some interesting results on how much a software developer might actually get paid. Some sites estimate $65,490 per year, others 55,000 to 182,000 a year. As we would be a small start-up we estimate around $40,000 a year is probably more realistic.