

Bookkeeper vs Accountants

Task	Bookkeeper	Accountant
Data entry	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
Recording transactions	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
Running payroll	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
Monthly statements	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
Tax installments	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
GST/HST payments	Yes	Yes only if there is a bookkeeping addon
Tax filling	No	Yes
Financial advice	No	This is what makes them an analyst

An accountant hired for bookkeeping will do everything above.



Common red flags to watch out

Not sending monthly reports at the agreed-upon time (usually within 10 days after the end of the month)

Not willing to explain or summarize months' performance

Not asking questions –
Yes a good
bookkeeper/accountant
should ask questions
about the type of
expenses etc

Asking if expenses are business or personal?

Not asking for missing receipts

No installments reminders:

- GST/HST payments
- Income Tax installments
- Payroll payments



Good questions to ask



What's my monthly burn rate



Month over month progress



How much cash should I keep



Employees vs contractors



Salary Vs Dividends



