

RIDESHARE (UBER, LYFT, AMAZON)

1. Vehicle Expenses

- **Mileage:**
 - You can deduct the standard mileage rate for all miles driven for business purposes (ex: picking up passengers, driving to delivery locations).
 - **Actual Vehicle Costs:**
 - If you don't use the standard mileage rate, you can deduct:
 - Gasoline and oil.
 - Vehicle repairs and maintenance.
 - Tires and tire rotations.
 - Car washes and detailing.
 - Depreciation of the vehicle.
 - Vehicle loan interest (if the vehicle is financed and used for business).
 - Vehicle registration and inspection fees.
 - Lease payments (if leasing the vehicle).
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2. Insurance

- **Auto Insurance:**
 - Deduct the portion of your insurance premium related to business use.
 - **Rideshare or Delivery Insurance:**
 - Additional insurance policies specifically for rideshare or delivery drivers.
 - **Health Insurance:**
 - Deductible for self-employed individuals (if not covered elsewhere).
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3. Car-Related Expenses

- **Tolls and Parking:**
 - Fees paid at toll booths or parking lots while working.
 - **Roadside Assistance:**
 - Membership fees for services like AAA or other roadside assistance plans.
 - **Vehicle Accessories:**
 - Phone mounts, dash cams, seat covers, and organizers used for business purposes.
 - **Car Cleaning Supplies:**
 - Cleaning products like vacuum cleaners, wipes, and sprays to maintain the vehicle.
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4. Mobile Phone and Internet

- **Mobile Phone Costs:**
 - A portion of your phone bill used for business-related calls, texts, and app usage.
- **Phone Accessories:**

- Chargers, phone holders, or mounts.
 - **Data Plans:**
 - A percentage of your mobile data plan used for navigating or communicating with the platform.
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5. Navigation and Technology

- **GPS Devices:**
 - If you use a separate GPS device for navigation.
 - **Map Updates:**
 - Fees for updating navigation systems.
 - **Rideshare Apps:**
 - Any subscription fees for third-party rideshare or delivery-related apps (ex: Gridwise, SherpaShare).
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6. Business Expenses

- **Platform Fees:**
 - Commissions or fees charged by Uber, Lyft, Amazon, or other platforms.
 - **Background Checks:**
 - Costs associated with initial or recurring background checks.
 - **Vehicle Inspections:**
 - Fees for vehicle inspections required by the platform.
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7. Food and Beverages

- **Snacks for Passengers:**
 - Bottled water, mints, or other refreshments provided to passengers.
 - **Meals:**
 - Meals during long shifts (50% deductible if away from your tax home for business).
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8. Marketing and Branding

- **Advertising Materials:**
 - Costs for custom car magnets, decals, or branded items to promote your rideshare or delivery services.
 - **Business Cards:**
 - Design and printing costs for distributing to customers.
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9. Safety and Comfort Items

- **Safety Equipment:**
 - Dash cams, first aid kits, or emergency roadside kits.
 - **Passenger Comfort:**
 - Items like phone charging cables, tissues, or air fresheners for riders.
 - **Weather-Related Accessories:**
 - Items like snow chains, winter tires, or de-icers used for business operations.
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10. Education and Training

- **Driving Classes:**
 - Courses on defensive driving or improving driving skills.
 - **Books and Guides:**
 - Materials on how to maximize earnings or improve customer service.
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11. Taxes and Banking

- **Self-Employment Tax:**
 - Deduct half of your self-employment tax.
 - **Bank Fees:**
 - Charges for maintaining a business checking account or using payment processors.
 - **Credit Card Processing Fees:**
 - Costs associated with third-party payment systems used for business transactions.
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12. Office Supplies

- **Receipts and Record Keeping:**
 - Costs for notebooks, folders, or apps used to track mileage and expenses.
 - **Office Supplies:**
 - Pens, paper, or other materials used for business administration.
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13. Depreciation

- **Vehicle Depreciation:**
 - If you own the vehicle and use it for business, you may deduct depreciation over time.
 - **Accessories Depreciation:**
 - High-cost items like dash cams or GPS devices.
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14. Legal and Professional Services

- **Legal Fees:**
 - Costs for resolving disputes related to your rideshare or delivery business.
 - **Accounting and Tax Services:**
 - Fees for hiring a CPA or using tax preparation software.
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15. Miscellaneous

- **Subscriptions:**
 - Fees for apps like Spotify Premium or SiriusXM, if provided for passenger enjoyment.
 - **Vehicle Storage:**
 - Costs for storing the vehicle when not in use for business.
 - **Car Rental Costs:**
 - If you rent a vehicle specifically for rideshare or delivery purposes.
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