

BARBER

1. Barber Supplies and Materials

- **Hair Cutting Tools:** Clippers, trimmers, scissors, razors, and combs.
 - **Styling Products:** Hair gels, pomades, waxes, sprays, and shampoos.
 - **Sanitation Supplies:** Barbicide, disinfectants, gloves, capes, neck strips, and hand sanitizers.
 - **Disposable Supplies:** Razor blades, towels, and other single-use items.
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2. Equipment and Furniture

- **Barber Chairs:** Purchase, maintenance, or repair costs.
 - **Workstations:** Mirrors, counters, and tool organizers.
 - **Lighting:** Ring lights or task lighting for cutting and styling.
 - **Storage:** Cabinets, carts, or shelves for supplies and equipment.
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3. Workspace Costs

- **Rent:** Costs for renting a barbershop or booth space.
 - **Home Office Deduction:** If you run a barbershop or conduct part of your work from home, a portion of rent, utilities, and other home expenses is deductible.
 - **Utilities:** Electricity, water, gas, and internet for your workspace.
 - **Decor:** Costs for posters, plants, artwork, or other items to enhance the shop's atmosphere.
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4. Licenses and Professional Fees

- **Barbering License:** Costs to obtain or renew a barber license.
 - **Permits:** Local or state business permits.
 - **Insurance:** Liability insurance to cover accidents or damages.
 - **Legal and Professional Fees:** Costs for legal advice or consultations.
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5. Education and Training

- **Courses and Certifications:** Training for advanced barbering techniques or certifications.
 - **Workshops and Seminars:** Attendance at industry-related events.
 - **Educational Materials:** Books, magazines, and online courses about barbering or business management.
 - **Professional Memberships:** Fees for joining barber associations or guilds.
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6. Marketing and Advertising

- **Business Cards and Flyers:** Design and printing costs.
 - **Social Media Advertising:** Costs for Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or other online ads.
 - **Website Costs:** Domain registration, hosting fees, and website design services.
 - **Referral Programs:** Discounts or incentives offered to clients for referring new customers.
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7. Client Amenities

- **Refreshments:** Bottled water, coffee, or snacks offered to clients.
 - **Comfort Items:** Neck pillows or magazines for clients during appointments.
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8. Transportation and Travel

- **Vehicle Expenses:** Either deduct the standard mileage rate or actual costs like gas, maintenance, and insurance for business-related travel.
 - **Parking and Tolls:** Expenses incurred while traveling for business purposes.
 - **Travel Costs:** Lodging, transportation, and meals for attending out-of-town barber expos, conventions, or training.
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9. Administrative Costs

- **Office Supplies:** Appointment books, pens, and paper for keeping client records.
 - **Software:** Scheduling, accounting, or customer management tools (ex: Square).
 - **Phone and Internet:** A portion of your phone and internet bills used for business purposes.
 - **Subscriptions:** Industry magazines or professional software tools.
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10. Employee and Contractor Costs

- **Wages:** Payments to barbers, assistants, or other employees.
 - **Training Costs:** Expenses related to training staff or contractors.
 - **Payroll Taxes:** Taxes paid for employees' salaries.
 - **Independent Contractors:** Payments to freelancers or guest barbers.
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11. Uniforms and Personal Appearance

- **Uniforms:** Branded shirts or clothing specifically for work.
- **Shoes:** Comfortable, non-slip footwear required for standing long hours.

- **Personal Grooming:** Costs for maintaining a professional appearance (partially deductible in some cases).
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12. Maintenance and Repairs

- **Tool Maintenance:** Sharpening scissors, replacing blades, or servicing clippers.
 - **Workspace Repairs:** Fixing or maintaining barber chairs, lighting, or plumbing.
 - **Cleaning Services:** Professional cleaning of your barbershop.
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13. Depreciation

- **Equipment:** Depreciation of significant purchases like barber chairs, clippers, or other tools.
 - **Workspace Improvements:** Depreciation for upgrades or renovations to your barbershop.
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14. Taxes and Banking

- **Self-Employment Tax:** Deduct half of your self-employment tax.
 - **Bank Fees:** Charges for business checking accounts or merchant services.
 - **Credit Card Processing Fees:** Costs associated with payment platforms like Square, PayPal, or Stripe.
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15. Security and Safety

- **Alarm Systems:** Installation and monitoring costs for security systems.
 - **Safety Equipment:** Fire extinguishers or compliance with safety regulations.
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16. Miscellaneous Expenses

- **Gifts for Clients:** Small gifts like branded items or hair care samples (up to \$25 per person annually).
 - **Event Fees:** Costs for renting a booth at a barbering expo or community event.
 - **Photography:** Costs for professional photoshoots to showcase your work on social media or your website.
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17. Charitable Contributions

- **Donations:** Contributions made to local charities or events through your business.

18. Utilities and Supplies

- **Laundry Costs:** Washing towels, capes, or other reusable items.
- **Sanitation Products:** Cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizers.

19. Technology and Communication

- **Tablets or Computers:** Devices used for scheduling, managing social media, or processing payments.
- **Mobile Apps:** Paid apps for photo editing, appointment booking, or client communications.