

Small Business/Self Employment Tax Preparation Document Checklist

- Income Documents and Information
- Gross Income
- List of bank deposit
- All 1099s
- Other income (interest etc.)

Adjustable \$ Amt. Needed

- Beginning inventory
- Ending inventory
- Bad Debts
- Auto Expenses / business mileage
- Auto insurance
- Interest of auto loan
- Repairs & maintenance
- Total miles driven o Business miles driven
- Total gas purchases
- Date car purchased
- Model and make of auto

Salaries & Wages

- Total gross wages paid
- Commissions paid
- Company paid FICA
- Federal unemployment paid
- State unemployment paid
- Worker's compensation paid o
- Copies of 1099s to contractors

Home Office/Business Expense

- Total square feet of home
- Total square feet of office
- Mortgage interest
- Real estate taxes
- Home Utilities
- Home repairs
- Home insurance



- Repairs/Maintenance
- Month/Year Home First Used for Business
- Your Investment in Home
- Purchase price + improvements o Daycare Use
- Total Hours used for Daycare
- List of assets (cost & date acquired)
- Cost of inventory items that sold (do not include unsold inventory)
- Donated inventory special rules apply
- Depreciation on the cost of furniture and equipment that you owned prior to starting your business, desks, computers, file cabinets, etc.

Self Employed Expenses

Advertising

- Marketing
- Promotional materials
- Website

Commissions paid

Contract Labor

Business loan interest

Cost of goods sold

Health insurance premiums

• Special rules apply. (Deduct on the front of Form 1040.)

Insurance (other than health)

- Business Liability
- Workman's Comp

Legal and Professional Fees

- Accounting
- Payroll processing fees
- Attorney and legal fees

Meals & Entertainment (usually only 50% deductible)

Company parties where all employees are invited



Education & Seminars (related to current business, not new career)

- Books and reference materials
- Workshops and trainings

Conferences & Event Costs

- Registrations
- Materials
- Travel o Uniforms

Merchant fees for your credit card sales

Bank service charges and fees

Office Expenses

- Materials & Supplies
- Postage and shipping
- Customer gifts
- Software purchases
- Software subscriptions, such as security software
- Dues & subscriptions
- Internet service
- Web site hosting, design, and domain registration
- Cell Phones o
- Telephone
- Long distance phone charges
- Phone cards for business calls
- Books, newspapers, magazines for business purposes
- Answering services

Rent/Lease Business Space / Property

Business Property Taxes

Rent/Lease Business Equipment

Rent or lease of storage facilities

Repairs and Maintenance of equipment or business space

Shop supplies

Taxes & Licenses



- Business taxes
- Business Licenses
- Business Permits

Travel expenses

- Parking and tolls for business travel
- Hotel, air and bus fares, taxis o
- Local transportation

Utilities

Gifts

Equipment purchases

These can be generally depreciated or expensed with a Section 179 tax deduction

Association and membership fees

Spa/Salons/Stylists/Nail Techs

- Hair care products and tools
- Laundry expenses
- Spa supplies
- Nail supplies
- Make-up/cosmetics
- Skin care equipment
- Waiting room furniture
- Food and beverage (if supplied to customers)

Entertainers (including: vocalists, dancers, performing artists and social media influencers)

Self-promotion expenses

- Audition tapes
- Film and processing
- Photos
- Portfolio Expenses

Continuing education

- Acting lessons
- Dance/voice training
- Rehearsal rental



Supplies used during performance and/or rehearsals

Food Service (including: food trucks, caterers and restaurants)

- Food costs
- Beverages
- Kitchen appliances
- Eating supplies
- Restaurant furniture and fixtures