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SMALL BUSINESS TAX DEDUCTIONS CHEATSHEET

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	BANK FEES
☐ Facebook/Instagram/Google ac	s ATM fees
☐ Prints (brochures, flyers, etc)	☐ Monthly service fees
	☐ Annual fees
AUTO EXPENSES*	☐ Late payments
	□ NSF fees
Deduct Mileage at 58.5 per mile (1 - 6/30) 62.5 per mile (from 7/1-12/3 2022 . OR:	
Car payments	Credit Card processing fees
☐ Incurance	
Insurance Gas	COMMUNICATION
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Gas	——————————————————————————————————————
Gas Depreciation (if vehicle is owne	d) Cell Phone
☐ Gas ☐ Depreciation (if vehicle is owned) ☐ Parking and tolls	d) Cell Phone Landline
☐ Gas ☐ Depreciation (if vehicle is owned) ☐ Parking and tolls ☐ Registration (DMV) fees	Cell Phone Landline Answering Services Subscriptions for
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CONSULTATION	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS*
General consultation	☐ Contractors
Financial consultation	Outside services
Job consultation	
CONTINUING EDUCATION	EQUIPMENT RENTAL
Tuition	☐ Payment processor rental
Books/supplies	☐ Industry/job specific rentals
Program fees	☐ Tool rental
Trainings and workshops	☐ Large equipment rental
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	GIFTS*
Memberships	☐ Gifts provided to vendors or customers/clients/patients (can only
Monthly/annual subscription	deduct \$25 per person per year)
INTEREST	OFFICE EXPENSES
Finance charges	Delivery items (coffee, water, etc)
Loan interest	Supplies (paper, ink, etc)
	General consultation Financial consultation Job consultation CONTINUING EDUCATION Tuition Books/supplies Program fees Trainings and workshops DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS Memberships Monthly/annual subscription INTEREST Finance charges

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL	INTEREST
☐ Legal consultation and fees	☐ Finance charges
☐ Accounting	☐ Loan interest
☐ Bookkeeping	
☐ Financial Advisor	INSURANCE
☐ Industry/Job specific fee	
	Liability
MARKETING	☐ Workers Compensation
☐ Agency Fees	☐ E&O Insurance
☐ Surveys	
☐ Development of advertising	POSTAGE AND SHIPPING
Social Media monitoring/participation	_
Sponsorships	Stamps
	☐ Certified mail
=	☐ Delivery
MEALS*	☐ Freight costs
Restaurants	
Fast Food	_
Meals are usually deducted by 50% depending on the purpose of the meal.	

Consult with your tax preparer.)

OFFICE	SECURITY		
☐ Rent or mortgage	☐ Security/surveillance services		
☐ Insurance	Subscriptions for security		
☐ Utilities	Security-related products (Ring doorbell, etc)		
☐ Maintenance and repairs			
	SOFTWARE		
HOME OFFICE DEDUCTIONS*	☐ Accounting/Invoicing/Bookkeeping		
Divide sq ft of office by total sq ft of house, then multiply the expenses with this	☐ Credit Card Processing		
amount to obtain the actual amount you're able to deduct.	☐ Form Template		
	☐ CRM		
TRAVEL	☐ Project/Industry/Job-specific software		
Lodging			
☐ Car rental/transportation service	UTILITIES		
☐ Airfare	☐ Water		
	☐ Sewage		
UNIFORMS*	☐ Trash/waste removal		
☐ Shirts, hats, etc	☐ Electricity		
Must have your business logo/name on the item to be deductible	□ Internet		
	☐ Cable		

OTHER EXPENSES

Commissions
Discounts
Furniture*
Janitorial
Large/Expensive Equipment*
Laundry and Cleaning
Medical expenses - only deductible if you run payroll through your business
Meetings
Payroll expenses (processing, taxes, wages, etc)
Recruiting
Referrals
Storage
Supplies that are industry/job specific
Tools
Training

Consult a Tax Professional

Please consult a tax preparer/professional when including the expenses with the * next to them - they might have special requirement.

It is important to always consult a tax professional when filing your own taxes, especially for your business taxes.

HOME OFFICE EXPENSES

Generally, there are two basic requirements for the taxpayer's home to qualify as a deduction:

- 1. Exclusive and regular use. The room must be used exclusively to conduct your business activities on a regular basis. For example, if you work in your guest room/kids room/gym room, it is not qualified to deduction.
- 2. Principal place of your business. this office is the main place you conduct your business. You may still qualify if you use other venues to meet clients, customers, etc but the normal day-to-day operations is conducted in your home office.

A separate structure not attached to the home qualify for the home office deduction only if the structure is used exclusively and regularly for business.

If you meet those criteria for your home office, choose one between below two methods:

- 1. **Using simplified method.** Multiply \$5 by total sq ft of home office to obtain the actual amount you're able to deduct. Maximum amount allowed is \$1500 per year.
- 2. **Using regular method.** Divide sq ft of office by total sq ft of house, then multiply the expenses with this percentage number to obtain the actual amount you're able to deduct.

Total Square Feet of Home:	
Total Square Feet of Office:	
Total Square Feet of Home/	
Total Square Feet of Office (a):	
Total home expenses (b):	
Deduction amount (a) x (b)	

Example: My home is 1000 square feet in total, my office is 300 square feet.

Using simplified method: \$5 x 300 = \$1500 deduction

Using regular method: the percentage that I can use is 30%. (300/1000 = .0.3) My monthly rent is \$1,500. So if I multiply my rent by my percent I get to write off \$450 per month (\$1,500 x .3 = \$450) for rent for my home office expense.

Consult a Tax Professional

Still in doubt if your home office are qualifies? Read official IRS guide <u>HERE</u> for more information. We recommend consult your tax preparer for the MOST accurate information for your situation.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

If you paid someone who is not your employee, such as a subcontractor, attorney or accountant \$600 or more for services provided during the year, the first step is to have the contractor complete Form W-9. This form should be kept in your files for four years in case of any future questions about the worker.

Next step is to complete a Form 1099-NEC for each contractor. A copy of 1099-NEC must be provided to the independent contractor by January 31 of the year following payment. You must also send a copy of this form to the IRS by January 31.

<u>Note:</u> For attorney services, you'll need to file a 1099-NEC regardless of the amount you've paid them. Also, it is required file a 1099-NEC in any dollar amount if you've withheld Federal taxes for the payee.

Link to the online 1099-NEC form https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1099nec.pdf

Link to the online W-9 form: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf

W9 form can be purchased at any major office supply store OR from the IRS website for free (form ordered from IRS website are carbon copies so you'll need to hand-write of use a typewriter).

Link to order W9 form on the IRS website:

https://www.irs.gov/businesses/online-ordering-for-information-returns-and-employer-returns

Notes:			

OUTSIDE SERVICES OR CONTRACTOR TRACKER

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

☐ Filled out W9 (tick if Yes)	
If W9 is not filled, use this tracker to note:	
Full name:	EIN/SSN:
Address:	
Amount paid:	
☐ Filled out W9 (tick if Yes)	
If W9 is not filled, use this tracker to note:	
Full name:	
Address:	
Amount paid:	
☐ Filled out W9 (tick if Yes)	
If W9 is not filled, use this tracker to note:	
Full name:	
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