

for business owners!

MY MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

## Can I write that off?

When it comes to tax deductions for business owners, the **BEST** way to ensure that an expense can be written off as a tax deduction is to ask your tax accountant who is familiar with your unique business.

For an expense to be deductible, it must be both ORDINARY and NECESSARY for your business.

Per the IRS, "An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your industry. A necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for your trade or business. An expense does not have to be indispensable to be considered necessary."

With that being said, I've compiled a list of 75+ expenses that *could* be deductible for you to run by your tax accountant!



# Office

Office Furniture
Utilities Expenses
Rent Expense
Office Supplies
Internet Expenses

Cleaning Services
Telecommunications
Moving Expenses
Building Maintenance +
Repairs

#### Staff

Payroll Expenses Medical Insurance Training Expenses Year-End Bonuses Uniforms

#### Vehicle\*

Highway Tolls Depreciation Maintenance + Fuel Mileage

\*must be for business use

## Contractors

Contract Labor Sales Commissions Professional Services Consulting Fees Accounting Services
Tax Preparation
Realtor Commissions
Web Designer



# Miscellaneous

Amortization
Depreciation
Interest Expense
Certain Taxes Paid
Business Licenses

Meals & Entertainment
Bad Debt Expenses
Start-Up Costs
Charitable Contributions
Client Gifts (up to \$25/client)

#### COGS

Manufacturing Costs Direct Labor Costs Shipping Costs Inventory Storage Costs

## Banking

Monthly Service
Charges
Payment Processor Fees
ACH/Transfer Fees
Account Set Up Fees

# Advertising

Logo Design + Branding Social Media Templates Company Signage Business Cards Paid Online Ads Printed Flyers Purchased Ad Space Sponsoring An Event



## Insurance

Workers' Comp Insurance Professional + General Liability Insurance Malpractice Insurance Rental Insurance Cyber Liability Insurance Employee Health Insurance

#### Education\*

Conferences
Webinars + Trainings
Industry Publications
CE Courses

\*must be tailored to your industry

### Technology

Software + Licenses Cell Phone Tablets Laptops + Computers Wi-Fi Router

# Business Travel\*

Airline Tickets
Lodging Costs
Rental Car Expenses
Meals While Traveling

Baggage Fees Dry Cleaning Tips Paid While Traveling Communication Costs

\*must be for a business purpose AND away from your tax home