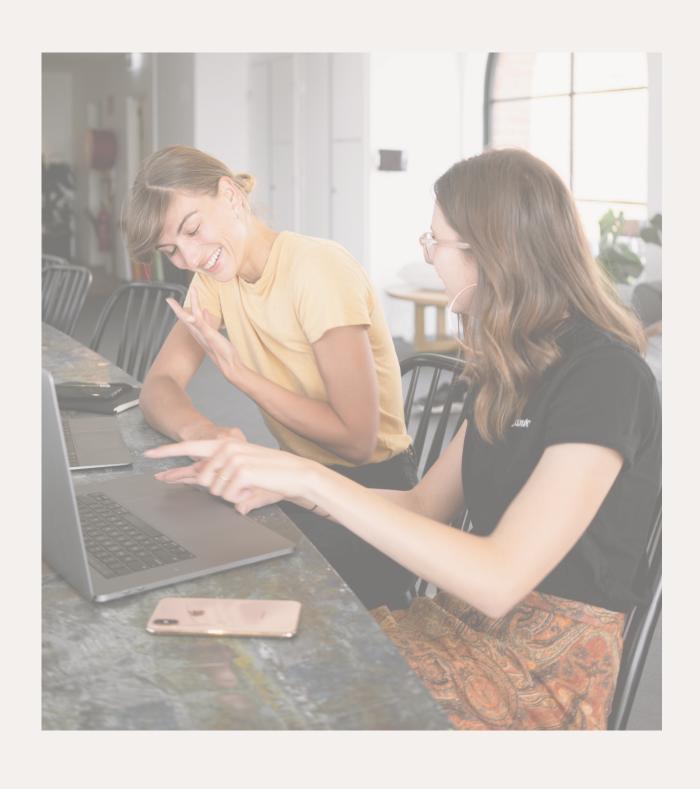
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Managing your small business finances doesn't have to be overwhelming. This simple guide will help you take control, stay organized, and focus on growing your business.

Step 1: Separate Personal and Business Finances

Keeping personal and business finances separate is crucial. This makes it easier to track expenses, manage taxes, and maintain a clear financial picture.

Actionable Tip:

Open a dedicated business bank account.

Use a business credit or debit card for all business-related transactions.

Step 2: Track All Income and Expenses

Understanding where your money is coming from and where it's going is the foundation of financial management.

Actionable Tip:

Use accounting software like QuickBooks or Wave to automate tracking. Keep digital copies of receipts and invoices for easy access.

Step 3: Set Up a Monthly Bookkeeping Routine

Regular bookkeeping helps you stay on top of your finances and avoid last-minute stress during tax season.

Checklist for Monthly Bookkeeping:

Reconcile your bank statements.

Categorize all expenses.

Update your income and expense records.

Review your profit and loss statement.

Step 4: Create a Budget and Stick to It

A budget helps you plan for expenses, manage cash flow, and make informed financial decisions.

Actionable Tip:

Break your budget into categories (e.g., marketing, inventory, utilities). Review and adjust your budget monthly to align with business goals.

Step 5: Consult a Bookkeeping Professional

Having an expert review your finances ensures accuracy and saves you time.

Actionable Tip:

Schedule a consultation with a virtual bookkeeper for personalized advice. Regularly review your financial reports to make strategic decisions.

Bonus Tip: Stay Compliant with Tax Regulations

Keep track of deadlines for VAT, PAYE, and income tax submissions to avoid penalties. If you're unsure, consult a professional to ensure compliance.

CHECKLIST FOR SMALL BUSINESSES DOING THEIR OWN BOOKKEEPING

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LIST ACITIVITY	
Reconcile Your Bank Statements	
Match bank statement transactions with your records.	
Identify any missing or duplicate entries	
Categorize All Expenses	
Sort receipts by category	
Assign expenses to the correct categories in your system	
Update Your Income and Expense Records	
Enter recent income and expenses	
Ensure all transactions are recorded	
Review Your Profit and Loss Statement	
Compare actual income and expenses with your budget Identify any unusual expenses	

MONTHLY BUDGET



Debt Name	Marketing	Inventory	Utilities		Notes
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EXPENSE TRACKER

- NR -	_ DATE _	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT -
		TOTAL:	

INCOME TRACKER

NR -	_ DATE _	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT -
		TOTAL:	