

## **Take Control of Your Finances**

## **Stay Organized • Save Time • Keep Accurate Books**

Running a business is exciting — but without clear financial systems, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. The good news?

A few simple habits can keep your books in order and give you back valuable time.

## Here's your Small Business Financial Control Checklist:

Stay Organized
Open a separate business bank account (no mixing personal & business).
Use accounting software (QuickBooks, Xero, Wave, or FreshBooks).
Save every receipt and invoice (digital copies are fine).
$\square$ Keep a document folder (cloud-based is best) for tax records, contracts, and payrol
files.
Save Time
Schedule weekly money time (30 minutes to review income/expenses).
Automate recurring expenses and set up payment reminders.
Use bank feeds in your accounting software to avoid manual entry.
Hire a bookkeeper to handle routine reconciliations and reporting.
Keep Accurate Books
Reconcile your bank and credit card accounts monthly.
Track both income and expenses by category.
Review profit & loss statements to spot trends.
Set aside 25–30% of income for taxes.
$\square$ Don't wait until tax season — accuracy pays all year long.
<ul> <li>Pro Tip: Staying on top of your books isn't just about compliance</li> <li>— it's about clarity. When your numbers are accurate, you</li> <li>make smarter decisions, avoid surprises,</li> </ul>



and free yourself to focus on growth.