

# Sample List of Common Tax Deductions for the Self-Employed

## Office Expenses

- Office Supplies
- Postage & Shipping
- Printing & Copying
- Computer Equipment
- Software Subscriptions
- Office Furniture
- Internet Service
- Telephone Expenses
- Mobile Phone Service
- Office Rent

## Utilities

- Electricity
- Water & Sewer
- Trash Removal
- Gas/Heating
- Security Services

## Travel & Transportation

- Mileage Reimbursement
- Gas & Oil
- Car Lease Payments
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Vehicle Insurance
- Parking Fees
- Tolls
- Airfare
- Hotel Accommodations
- Incidentals (tips, cleaning, wifi)
- Meals While Traveling

## Professional Services

- Accounting Services
- Bookkeeping Services
- Tax Preparation Fees
- Legal Fees
- Consulting Fees
- Business Coaching
- Virtual Assistant Services
- Graphic Design Services
- IT Support
- Marketing Services

## Marketing & Advertising

- Social Media Ads
- Search Engine Ads
- Website Hosting Fees
- Website Design Costs
- Email Marketing Services
- Business Cards
- Promotional Materials
- Print Ads
- Event Sponsorships
- Trade Show Costs

## Insurance

- Health Insurance Premiums
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Liability Insurance
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Property Insurance
- Business Interruption Insurance
- Disability Insurance

## Education & Training

- Online Courses
- Conference Fees
- Seminar Fees
- Industry Membership Dues
- Subscriptions to Trade Journals
- Books & Educational Materials
- Certifications & Licensing Fees
- Webinars
- Training Materials
- Continuing Education Fees

## Equipment & Tools

- Tools of the Trade
- Machinery Costs
- Equipment Rentals
- Repairs & Maintenance for Equipment
- Fuel for Equipment
- Safety Gear
- Photography Equipment
- Audio/Visual Equipment
- Hardware Upgrades
- Software Licenses
- Storage Costs for Equipment

## Home Office Expenses (%)

- Mortgage Interest
- Rent
- Home Utilities
- Home Owners Insurance
- Home Office Repairs
- Lawncare
- HOA Dues
- Security System
- Property Taxes

## Financial Fees

- Bank Fees
- Credit Card Processing Fees
- Interest on Business Loans
- Loan Repayments
- Merchant Fees

## Employee/Contractor Costs

- Wages & Salaries
- Payroll Taxes
- Independent Contractor Payments
- Deferred Compensation
- Employee Benefits
- Retirement Plan
- Bonuses

## Miscellaneous Expenses

- Business Licenses & Permits
- Gifts for Clients
- Charitable Contributions (pass through)
- Subscriptions to Industry Publications
- Professional Organization Dues
- Client Entertainment
- Software Development Costs
- Bad Debt Write-offs
- Penalties & Fines
- Depreciation Expense
- Research & Development (credit)

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