Tax Planning And Reporting

FOR A SMALL BUSINESS





Welcome



- 1. Agenda
- 2. Ground Rules
- 3. Introductions



Objectives

After completing this training, you will be able to:

- Identify the federal, state, and local tax reporting requirements of a small business and its owner, and establish a plan to account and pay them.
- Identify methods for researching the local, municipal, and county reporting/licensing requirements for a small business.



What Do You Know?

What do you know or want to learn about tax planning and reporting?



Managing Your Tax Obligations

- Get informed
- Plan
- Save





Primary Business Taxes

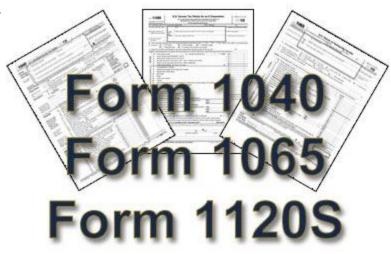
- Income Tax
- Self-Employment Tax
- State Income Taxes
- Employment Taxes
- Sales Tax
- Local taxes





Federal Income Tax

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnerships
- S-corporation
- C-corporation
- Limited Liability Company





Discussion Point #1: Federal Tax Forms

Complete Discussion Point #1 in the Participant Guide.

What federal tax forms will you need for siness?



Employment Tax and Forms

- Federal Employment Taxes
 - Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment Tax Return, Form 940
 - Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return, Form 941
- Forms
 - Employee's Withholding, W-4 Form
 - Wage and Tax Statement, W-2 Form
 - Miscellaneous Income, Form 1099-MISC



State and Local Taxes

- State/County/City Income Tax
- Permits
- Licenses
- Fictitious name permit ("doing business as")
- State Sales Tax



Know Your Tax Obligations

- Your form of business determines how you pay income taxes
- Pay-as-you-go





Cost of Not Paying Your Taxes Never use payroll taxes for working capital during cash flow shortages.





Money Management for Taxes

- Know when, what, and how much
- Save for taxes
- Separate accounts





Accounting Systems

- Deductions
- Bookkeeping
- Business accounting software
- Cash versus accrual accounting methods



Using an accountant

- Doing it yourself
- Accountant services
- Where to find a qualified business accountant





Services Business Accountants Offer

- Business consulting
- Personal finance advice
- Information on organizational structures
- Financing information
- Audits
- Reviewed or audited financial statements



Five Key Points to Remember

- 1. Get qualified advice.
- 2. Learn your business tax liability: income, employment, self-employment, sales and social.
- 3. Set money aside to cover your taxes and avoid comingling funds.
- 4. Have an accounting system in place to track income and expenses.
- 5. An accountant can help you manage your business.



Summary

- What final questions do you have?
- What have you learned?
- How would you evaluate the training?





Conclusion

- You have learned about:
 - Managing your tax obligations
 - Typical taxes a business pays: Income, Self Employment, Sales, Employment, Local.
 - The forms and processes used to pay business taxes

