

## Small Business Taxes First Time

Hey small business newbies, congratulations on taking the leap and launching your business. Entrepreneurship is both exciting and overwhelming. It's uncertain at times but feels good to run a business that you enjoy, right? Most entrepreneurs think taxes are scary because of the horror stories we've heard about taxpayers (some turned prisoners) who broke the rules. This guide tells you all you need to know about filing small business taxes for the first time. How to file your return, what the tax forms mean, and how to simplify the record-keeping process for your business.

### **What Does it Mean to File a Business Tax Return?**

Filing taxes means you report the money your business made or lost during the year. It's required for individuals and businesses. Tax returns must be filed every year. Missing a tax filing date can cost you more money in penalties and interest. The IRS has a tax calendar for small businesses that shows the monthly, quarterly, and annual filing dates. Whether you file early or at the last minute, the IRS has deductions and credits that may reduce your tax bill and even get you a refund.

### **Why Your Business Structure Matters.**

Most small businesses are set up as limited liability corporations or LLCs. They are simple to set up and can have multiple owners. LLCs can also protect your personal assets if your business gets sued. A single-member LLC must report business income on your personal tax return. A business can also be a sole proprietorship, partnership, S-corporation, or corporation. Each has its pros and cons in affecting your taxes. For example, the profits in a corporation's structure