

## 300 + Business Deductions Available to Businesses \*

<b>A</b>	
	Abandonment of property used for business purposes
	Accounting and auditing expenses, such as:
	Auditing of your books and accounts
	Costs of Bookkeeping
	Costs of Tax strategy preparation
	Costs of Preparing and filing any tax returns
	Costs of investigation of any tax returns
	Costs of defense against IRS or state agency audits or challenges
	Accounts receivable, worthless
	Achievement Awards
	Longevity Award
	Safety Award
	Sales Award
	Advances made to employees or salespeople where repayment is not expected
	Advances to employees canceled as bonus
	Advertising expenses, such as:
	Premiums given away
	Advertising in:
	Newspaper
	Magazine
	Radio
	Other media
	Prizes and other expenses in holding contests or exhibitions
	Contributions to various organizations for advertising purposes
	Costs of displays, posters, etc. to attract customers
	Publicity-generally, all costs including entertainment, music, etc.
	Christmas present to customers or prospects-de minimis rule
	Alterations to business property, if minor
	Amortization
	Attorney's fees and other legal expenses involving:
	Tax Strategy
	Drafting of Agreements
	Defense of Claims against you
	Collection actions taken against others
	Any other business-related activity
	Auto expense
	Damage to auto not covered by insurance
	Gasoline
	Oil
	Repairs and maintenance
	Washing and Waxing
	Garage Rent

	Interest portion of payments
	Insurance premiums such as fire, theft, collision, liability, etc.
	Lease Payment
	License plate
	Driver's License fee
	Depreciation
	Wages of Chauffeur
	Section 179 deduction, for qualified vehicle
<b>B</b>	
	Bad debts – if previously taken into income
	Baseball/softball/soccer team equipment for business publicity
	Board and room to employee:
	All meals and lodging if for employee's benefit
	Temporary housing assignment
	Board Meetings
	Bonuses as additional compensation to employees
	Bookkeeping services
	Building expenses, used for business, such as:
	Repairs to building
	Janitorial Service
	Painting
	Interest on Mortgage
	Taxes on Property
	Water
	Rubbish Removal
	Depreciation of Building
	Heating
	Lighting
	Landscaping
	Burglary losses not covered by insurance
	Business, cost of operating office
	Business taxes-except federal income taxes
<b>C</b>	
	Cafeteria plan-requires written plan
	Capital asset sale-losses
	Car and Taxi Fares
	Casualty damages, such as:
	Bombardment
	Fire
	Storm
	Hurricane
	Drought
	Forest Fire
	Freezing of Property
	Impairment or collapse of property

	Ice
	Heat
	Wind
	Rain
	Charitable contributions
	Checking account bank charges
	Child Care- requires written plan
	Children's salaries
	Christmas presents to employees, customers, and prospects for advertising or publicity purposes, or goodwill, or if customary in the trade
	Collection expenses including attorney's fees
	Commissions on sales of securities by dealers in securities
	Commissions paid to agents
	Commissions paid to employees for business purposes
	Commissions paid to salesmen
	Condemnation expenses
	Contributions (deductible if made to organization founded for the following purposes, subject to some limitations):
	Religious
	Charitable
	Scientific
	Literary
	Educational
	Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals
	Convention expenses, cost of attending conventions
	Cost of Goods
	Credit Report costs
<b>D</b>	
	Day Care Facility
	Depletion
	Depreciation
	Discounts allowed to customers
	Dues Paid to:
	Better Business Bureau
	Chamber of Commerce
	Trade associations
	Professional societies
	Technical societies
	Protective Services Associations
<b>E</b>	
	Education Assistance-requires written plan
	Embezzlement loss not covered by insurance
	Employee welfare expenses, such as:
	Dances
	Entertainment

	Outings
	Christmas Parties
	Shows or plays
	Endorser's loss
	Entertainment expenses
	Equipment, minor replacements
	Equipment purchases
	Equipment Purchases-ma require capitalization and depreciation
	Equipment repairs
	Exhibits and displays, to publicize, your products
	Expenses of any kind directly chargeable to business income, such as:
	Renting of Office Space
	Safe Deposit boxes
	Upkeep of property
	Books to record income and expenses or investment income
	Experimental and Research expenses
<b>F</b>	
	Factoring
	Fan Mail Expenses
	Fees for Passports necessary while raveling on business
	Fees to Accountants
	Fees to Agents
	Fees to brokers
	Fees to investment counsel
	Fees to professionals for services rendered
	Fees to technicians
	Fire loss
	Forfeited stock
	Freight charges
<b>G</b>	
	Gifts to customers- Limit \$75
	Gifts to organized institutions, such as:
	Charitable
	Literary
	Educational
	Religious
	Scientific
	Group term insurance on employees' lives
	Guarantor's loss
<b>H</b>	
	Health Insurance
	Heating Expense
	Hospitals, contributions to

<b>I</b>	
	Improvements, provided they are minor
	Insurance premiums paid
	Interest on loans of all kinds for business purposes, such as:
	On loans
	On notes
	On mortgages
	On bonds
	On tax deficiencies
	On installments payments of auto, furniture, etc.
	On margin account with brokers
	Bank discount on note is deductible as interest
	Inventory loss due to damages
	Investment counsel fees
<b>L</b>	
	Lawsuit expenses
	Legal Costs
	In defense of your business
	In settlement of cases
	Payment of Damages
	License fees
	Lighting
	Living quarter furnished employees for business benefit
	Lobbying Costs
	Losses, deductible if connected with your business or profession, such as:
	Abandoned Property
	Accounts Receivable
	Auto Damage caused by fire, theft, heat, storm, etc.
	Bad Debts
	Banks Closed
	Bonds
	Buildings-damaged
	Burglary
	Business Ventures
	Capital Assets
	Casualties: Fire, theft, heat, storm, etc.
	Damages to property or assets
	Deposit forfeiture, on purchase of property
	Drought
	Embezzlements
	Equipment abandoned
	Forced sale or exchange
	Forfeitures
	Freezing
	Goodwill

	Loans not collectable
	Theft
	Transactions entered into for profits
<b>M</b>	
	Maintenance of Business Property
	Maintenance of office, store, warehouse, showroom, etc.
	Maintenance of rented premises
	Management Costs
	Materials
	Meals, subject to limitation
	Membership dues
	Merchandise
	Messenger service
	Moving Costs
	Musician Expenses
<b>N</b>	
	Net Operating loss-may be carried back to previous year's income for refund and/or forward against future year's income
	Newspapers
<b>O</b>	
	Office expenses Including:
	Wages
	Supplies
	Towel Service
	Heating and Lighting
	Telephones and Telegraph
	Repairs
	Refurnishing, minor items
	Decorating
	Painting
	Office Rent
	Office Stationary
<b>P</b>	
	Passport fees
	Pension Plans
	Periodicals
	Physical fitness Center
	Plotting of land for sale
	Postage
	Professional society dues
	Property depreciation
	Property maintenance
	Property repairs
	Publicity expenses

<b>R</b>	
	Real Estate expenses of rental or investment property, including
	Taxes of property
	Insurance
	Janitorial services
	Repairing
	Redecorating
	Painting
	Depreciation
	Supplies
	Tools
	Legal expenses involving leases, tenants, or property
	Bookkeeping
	Property Management
	Utilities
	Commissions to secure tenants
	Maintenance-heating, lighting, etc.
	Advertising for tenants
	Cost of manager's unit, if onsite and at employer's convenience
	Rebates of sales
	Refunds on sales
	Rent settlement-cancel lease
	Rental property expense, such as:
	Advertising if vacant premises
	Commissions to secure tenant
	Billboards and signs
	Rent collection expense
	Rents paid, such as:
	Business property
	Parking facilities
	Safe deposit boxes
	Taxes paid by tenant for landlord
	Warehouse and storage charges
	Repairing of business property, such as:
	Alterations, provided they are not capital additions
	Casualty damages
	Cleaning
	Minor improvements
	Painting
	Redecorating
	Repairing of furniture, equipment, machinery and buildings
	Roof repairs
	Royalties

<b>S</b>	
	Safe deposit box rental
	Safe or storage rental
	Salaries including bonuses, commissions, pensions, management fees)
	Sample room
	Selling expenses, such as:
	Commissions and bonuses as prizes
	Discounts
	Entertainment
	Prizes offered in contests
	Publicity and promotion costs
	Rebates
	Services, professional or other necessary for conduct of business
	Social Security taxes paid by employers
	Stationary and all other supplies used
	Subscriptions to all trade, business or professional periodicals
	Supplies, office or laboratory
<b>T</b>	
	Taxes, all taxes paid except federal income taxes, such as:
	City Gross receipts tax
	City Sales tax
	State gross receipts tax
	State sales tax
	State unemployment insurance tax
	Federal social security tax
	State income tax
	State unincorporated business tax
	Real Estate tax
	Tangible property tax
	Intangible property tax
	Custom, import, or tariff tax
	License tax
	Stamp taxes
	Any business tax, as a rule
	Auto registration tax
	Sale deposit tax
	Membership dues tax
	Gasoline Tax
	Admission tax
	Telephone and telegraphs
	Travel expenses (includes: meals, taxi fare, rail fare, airfare, tips, telephone, telegrams, laundry and cleaning, entertainment for business purposes)

<b>U</b>	
	Unemployment compensation taxes paid by employer
	Uniforms furnished to employees
<b>W</b>	
	Wages
	Worker's compensation fund contributions

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