

Reminder Checklist of Deductions for Home Business Owners

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Accounting or bookkeeping services	Office decorating or remodeling costs*
Advertising and promotional expenses*	Office furnishings*
Bad debts/bounced checks*	Office music system*
Bank charges	Office refreshments*
Books and periodicals	Office supplies and materials*
Briefcase or samples case	Patent fees and expenses
Business conferences/workshops*	Personal computer used partly for business*
Business gifts*	Personal property used for business*
Business organizational expenses*	Public Relations (PR) services
Business phone or fax*	Postage
Business posters and signs*	Product displays, exhibiting expenses*
Business startup expenses*	Professional services (artists, editors, copywriters)
Business subscriptions and dues	Refunds
Camera/video equipment	Rent or mortgage interest*
Child care*	Real estate taxes*
Cleaning services (office, business, uniforms, equipment)	Repairs, renovations, maintenance costs*
Collection agency fees	Research and development (R&D) expenses*
Computer software and annual subscriptions*	Safe deposit box*
Computer system*	Sales commissions
Consulting fees*	Sales/Use taxes
Conventions and trade show expense	Selling fees (Amazon, PayPal, eBay, affiliates, etc.)*
Copyright fees*	Stationery and other printed materials*
Delivery charges	Tax preparation fee*
Depreciation*	Telephone (home, cell, cable Internet phone)*
Design services (printed/promotional materials)	Tools of your trade
Distribution services	Trademark expenses*
Domain names*	Travel and meals expenses*
Educational expense to advance business*	Trade or retail show display expenses and fees
Equipment lease/rental costs	Uniforms or special costumes used in trade or profession
Equipment purchases*	Utilities related to business use*
Freight and shipping charges	Vehicle partly used for business*
Greeting cards (clients/customers)*	Videos and podcasts
Insurance premiums*	Wages to employees*
Interest*	Website design and development costs*
Internet service provider (ISP) fees*	Website hosting and support services*
Inventory*	
IRA or Keogh account deposits*	
Labor costs	
Legal and professional fees	
Licenses and permits	
Marketing expenses	
Mailing list development/maintenance costs	
Memberships and dues*	
Moving expenses*	

Deductions with an asterisk have been discussed individually in the text of *How to Maximize Schedule C Deductions*, with guidelines on how they are calculated and may be deducted.