## **Glossary**

**1099-NEC Tax Form:** A tax form you will receive from your client; it reports earnings as an independent contractor or non-employee compensation.

**Business Expense:** An expense that is ordinary and necessary to operate a business.

Credits: This reduces the amount of tax you owe after you calculate how much tax you owe, dollar for dollar. Examples include Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

**Deductions:** Expenses incurred that are ordinary and necessary to support the activities of a business.

**Employee:** Person hired by a company to do work (i.e., opposite of self-employed).

**Estimated Taxes:** An estimated amount of money you owe in taxes for the upcoming year. The amount you pay in the current year is based on your prior year income.

**Home Office:** An exclusive area of your home used to conduct business activities such as office administrative tasks and paperwork.

**Income:** Money earned from work as an employee or business owner.

Independent Contractor/Small Business
Owner: A self-employed individual.

IRS Tax Form 1040: Individual federal tax form, filed annually by all US residents.

M/WBE: A certified Minority- and Womenowned Business Enterprise.

**New York State Tax Form IT-201:** Resident income tax form, filed annually by all NYS residents.

New York City Tax Form NYC-202: NYC Unincorporated Business Tax form, filed annually by single- member LLC's and self-employed individuals.

Payer: Someone who pays someone else for goods or services.

**Personal Expense**: An expense that is not a business expense.

### **Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction:**

A tax deduction that allows eligible selfemployed and small business owners, like yourselves, to deduct up to 20% of your net income on your tax return.

**Recipient:** The receiver of a tax form.

**Recordkeeping:** The process of reviewing and tracking income and expenses during a period of time in order to calculate a profit or loss.

**Self-employed Individual:** A person who works for themselves, rather than for an employer. They operate their own business or engage in freelance work and manage how and when they do their work.

**Sole Proprietor:** A person who owns and operates a business under their personal name and Social Security number.

Tax Identification Number (TIN): A number issued by the IRS to identify the taxpayer.

**Taxable Business Income:** Income that is calculated by subtracting expenses from income during the same period of time. Also known as Net Income or Net Loss.

W-2 Tax Form: A tax form you receive from your employer which reports an employee's earnings at the end of the tax year.

W-4 Tax Form: A tax form you fill out as an employee when you begin work for a company.

**W-9 Tax Form:** A tax form you fill out as a self-employed individual when you start gig work or other independent contract work.

Unincorporated Business Tax (UBT): Tax applies to sole proprietors, LLCs, and other entity types that are NOT subject to the New York City corporate tax. The NYC UBT rate varies depending on the net income of the business and the entity type.







# How Are Self-Employed Individuals Different From Employees?

A **self-employed individual** is someone who works for themself, rather than for an employer. They operate their own business or engage in freelance work and manage how and when they do their work.

An **employee** is a person who works for an employer in exchange for a set salary. An employee's job duties, work hours, and compensation are set by the terms of their employment.

## As a self-employed individual:

- The company that you provide services for will ask you to fill out a form that will let the IRS know that you are performing work for them as an independent contractor. This is known as a W-9 tax form.
- You will be responsible for paying all your own taxes.
- You choose when, how and where you work.
- You might receive a 1099-NEC at the end of the tax year from companies you provided services to. You will use these forms to report your income when you file taxes.

## As an employee:

- You will fill out a form about your tax situation so that your employer can pay taxes on your behalf. This is known as a W-4 tax form.
- Your employer will deduct your taxes from your paycheck.
- Your employer will supervise how, when, and where you work.
- You will receive a W-2 tax form, which reports your employment income and taxes paid, at the end of the tax year. You will use this form to report your income when you file taxes.







# W-4 Tax Form

Form W-4	,	Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can	hholding Certificate withhold the correct federal income tax from you	r pay.	OMB No. 1545-0074		
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		TIP: If you have self-employment income,	see page 2.				
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Adjustment	s	(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim ded	uctions other than the standard deduction ar	d			
		want to reduce your withholding, use the	ne Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and ent				
		the result here		4(b)	\$		
		(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional	I tax you want withheld each pay period .	4(c)	\$		
Step 5:	Unde	r penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate	e, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true,	correct, a	and complete.		
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## W-9 Tax Form

Note: Image is used for reference only.

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- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Signature of U.S. person ▶ Here

#### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

#### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or employer identification number (BIN), or employer identification number (BIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

. Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- · Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property) Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding,

Form W-9 (Rev. 10-2018) Cat. No. 10231X







## Handout 5

# **W-2 Tax Form**

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## Handout 6

# 1099-NEC

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# **New York State Tax Form IT-201**

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# **Business Income and Expenses**

This handout gives scenario examples and criteria to help you identify if income and expenses are **business** OR **personal**.

## **Scenario Examples**



**Example 1:** Gina is moving to a new apartment where she will have room for a home office. She hosts a moving sale to get rid of things she doesn't need around the house. People pay with Venmo for her things. Is the income collected from her sale considered business or personal income?

### **Answer: Personal Income.**

The information provided indicated Gina is selling things around the house, which are her **personal** items. If she sold things solely from her home office, then it would be business income.



**Example 2:** Jamal is a filmmaker. He is travelling to a small town 50 miles from his studio to shoot a film for a client. He is taking the train to get to the filming site. Is his train fare a business expense?

### **Answer: Business Expense.**

Jamal wouldn't take the train at all if it weren't for the fact that he had a scheduled film shoot for a client. It was **necessary** for his business that he took the train to get to the filming site.



**Example 3:** Dale is a personal trainer. When he's at the gym with clients, he's too busy to record bookkeeping entries, so he has a desk at home to regularly track all invoices and expenses. Are Dale's expenses for bookkeeping supplies a business expense?

## **Answer: Business Expense.**

Dale **needs** bookkeeping supplies to run his business and he **regularly** does business bookkeeping at his desk. This makes the expense both necessary and ordinary, which qualifies as a business expense.

## Criteria to Determine if Income and Expenses are Business or Personal

It is **business income** if:

- ✓ Income is primary source of income.
- ✓ You depend on it to live on.
- You intend or have intended to make profit for the services provided.

It is **business expenses** if:

- You experience any losses when you started the work (e.g., equipment expenses, licenses fees, etc.)
- Expenses are ordinary or necessary to run your business. An ordinary expense example would be paying for software you use regularly for work only. A necessary expense example would be a car purchase to be a rideshare driver.







# NYC Free Tax Prep for Self-Employed Filers Toolkit: Income and Expense Trackers

These **income and expense trackers** will help you keep your self-employment cash flow organized, so you can be well-prepared for your tax appointment at the end of the year. You will need this information to complete your Schedule C form.

This toolkit has two pages (in landscape format):

- Income Tracker: This sheet is where you track the money that you earn. When you receive a payment, log the date, and fill in all the details. Print out another sheet whenever you run out of space. Make sure to keep a record of payment.
- Expense Tracker: This sheet is where you will keep track of any money you spend on your business. For each business cost, log the date, and add details. Print out another sheet whenever you run out of space. Make sure to save your receipts. The Schedule C Category / Expenses List:
  - 1. Advertising and Promotion
  - 2. Car and Truck Expenses
  - 3. Contract Labor
  - 4. Legal and Professional Services
  - 5. Office Expense
  - 6. Supplies
  - 7. Taxes and Licenses
  - 8. Travel
  - 9. Business Meals
  - 10. Wages
  - 11. Home Office Deduction Percentage = Square footage of home business use divided by square footage of total home
  - 12. Other Expenses

If you have any questions about tracking your income or expenses, get in touch with one of our free in-person specialized tax prep providers for self-employed filers at <a href="https://nyc.gov/taxprep">nyc.gov/taxprep</a>.







## **Income Tracker**

Date	Name of Person or Entity Paying	Income Description	Means of Payment (cash, check, direct deposit, app)	Location of Proof of payment	Income Earned (\$)
				Total	
				Total	

# **Expense Tracker**

Date	Name of Person or Entity Paid	Description of Expense	Schedule C Category (see list)	Receipt (Y/N)?	Cost (\$)
				Total	

# **Recordkeeping Practice**

Review the **sample bank statement** below and complete the following:

- 1. Write a B next to each business expense.
- 2. Write a P next to each personal expense.
- 3. Use the income and expense tracker to track all business income and expenses.
- 4. Calculate Abe's net (taxable) income for the Month of March by subtracting all his business expenses from his business income.

Bank Name | 123 Street | Fake City, NY 12345

Statement Date: March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

Appendix Holder Name: Abo Smith | 456 Street | Falso City, NY 1334

Account Holder Name: Abe Smith | 456 Street | Fake City, NY 12345

**Checking Summary** 

Beginning Balance\$500.00Deposits and Additions\$4,500.00Checks Paid-\$200.00Electronic Withdrawals-\$1,180.00Fees-\$25.00Ending Balance\$3,595.00

**Deposits and Additions** 

Date	Description	Amount
03/06	TaskRabbit Deposit	\$1,100.00
03/15	TaskRabbit Deposit	\$100.00
03/22	Upwork Deposit	\$3,300.00
Total Deposits a	nd Additions:	\$4,500.00

Checks Paid		
Check Number 1122	Date Paid 03/13	\$200.00

#### **Flectronic Withdrawals**

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Date	Description	Amount
03/01	Efax.com	\$25.00
03/10	Staples	\$125.00
03/15	NYC Taxi	\$30.00
03/15	UberEats	\$25.00
03/17	Pizza Spot	\$31.00
03/17	Zara	\$225.00
03/18	TaskRabbit Fee	\$125.00
03/18	Office Depot	\$40.00
03/18	Adobe	\$35.00
03/19	Department of Licenses	\$500.00
03/30	Bank Fee	\$19.00
Total Electronic V	Vithdrawals:	\$1,180.00







# **Sample Profit and Loss Statement**

# Abe Smith – Gig Worker Profit and Loss Statement March 2023

Income	
Service fee income	\$4,500.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,5000.00
Expenses	
Office supplies	\$165.00
Computer tools and software	\$35.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Advertising	\$125.00
Employee meals	\$56.00
Bank fees	\$19.00
Travel	\$30.00
Licenses and fees	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,030.00







# Profit and Loss Spreadsheet Template Note: Example numbers used are not related to prior handouts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
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Deductions													
Office													
supplies													
Fees and	200	5000											5200
commissions	200	3000											3200
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Development													
Computer and software													
expenses													
Accessories													
(e.g.,													
chargers,													
cables)													
Business													
taxes and													
licenses													
[Add other													
categories as needed,													
depending on													
your area of													
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Other													
expenses													
Total Tax	200	5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5200
Deductions													
NET INCOME	4800	-4995	0	1000	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2805
Quarterly Taxes													
Planned Income			5000										
Actual			7000										
Income Difference			2000										
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# **Document Checklist When Applying for a Loan**

Below is a list of basic items you will need if you want to apply for a loan to grow your small business. You will need different items based on your business's legal structure.

	Sole Proprietorship	All Other Business Types
Tax Documents		
Personal tax returns for the past two years	✓	✓
Title deeds on personal real estate as possible collateral (if applicable)	✓	✓
Business tax returns for the past two years		✓
Business Financial Statements (Proof of Business Activity)		
Bank statements from the previous six months. Personal and business bank statements, as applicable.	✓	✓
Current balance sheet	✓	✓
Profit and loss statement for the past year	✓	✓
Accounts receivable statement (if applicable)	✓	✓
Payroll records from the past six months (if applicable)		✓
Legal Business Documentation		
Tax ID number / Employee Identification Number (EIN) on your W-9 tax form	✓	✓
All relevant business licenses and permits (if applicable)	✓	✓
Articles of Incorporation, Shareholders Agreement, LLC Agreement, Partnership Agreement, Doing Business As filing, or similar business documents		<b>✓</b>







# **Referral Resource List for Self-Employed Filers**

## TAX FILING RESOURCES

### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

- Apply for an EIN (Employer Identification Number) to file and pay your self-employed and small business taxes.
  - irs.gov/ein
- Pay your tax estimates online, set-up a payment plan, and make other types of individual tax payments.
   irs.gov/payments
- Read the Basics of Estimated Taxes for Individuals to understand the estimated tax system.
  - irs.gov/factsheets
- Get free resources to help you understand how federal taxes are calculated and paid when starting and operating a small business.
   irs.gov/smallbiz

# NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP)

Use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free.
 nyc.gov/taxprep

### **NYC Department of Finance**

 Access resources for self-employed and small business owners and pay NYC business taxes electronically. nyc.gov/finance

### **NYS Department of Taxation and Finance**

 Learn about your tax filing requirements. The free courses educate you about how to navigate your new method of earning income and all things tax to look out for and think about when starting a business in New York State.

tax.ny.gov

### RESOURCES TO HELP GROW YOUR BUSINESS AND BUILD ASSETS

# NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP)

- Apply for a DCWP license, get inspection checklists, and other business resources.
   nyc.gov/businesstoolbox
- Learn about worker protection laws, freelancer's rights, and employer responsibilities.
  - nyc.gov/workers
- Get free one-on-one professional financial counseling at an NYC Financial Empowerment Center.
   nyc.gov/talkmoney

### **NYC Small Business Services (SBS)**

- Get connected with free resources and services you need to start, operate, and grow your business, including legal assistance, M/WBE certification and training, and more.
  - nyc.gov/nycbusiness
- Sign up for free business courses to help start, operate, and grow your business.
  - nyc.gov/businesscourses
- Get help securing the financing you need to start or grow your business.
   nyc.gov/financingassistance





