

REALTOR'S BUSINESS EXPENSES - Guidelines

- 1. Name of your business & start date
- 2. Total income for the calendar year, T4A's & other business income
- 3. Amounts paid to a subcontractor or employees & deductions
- 4. Advertising- radio, newspaper, flyers, website etc.
- 5. Business license, Real Estate Board fees, dues, Chamber of Commerce
- 6. Delivery & courier fees
- 7. Equipment rental
- 8. Insurance fire, theft, liability
- 9. Interest on money borrowed to run your business (get a bank statement)
- 10. Bank charges on your business account
- 11. Maintenance and Repairs, Leases of equipment, computers, etc.
- 12. Management and Administration fees paid to other companies
- 13. Meals and entertainment (write invitee's name on receipt)
- 14. Office expenses (i.e. postage, business cards, stationery & other supplies)
- **15.** Accounting, legal, collection and consulting expenses
- 16. Purchases of any supplies over \$ 500 each such as computers, printers, office furniture, software, etc.
- 17. Travel expenses such as taxi, trains, airlines, car rental, buses and hotels
- 18. Business Telephones, cellular phones, pagers, Internet
- 19. Convention or Course expenses
- 20. Premiums paid for coverage under a private health services plan
- 21. Staff meals that you paid for, Christmas Party, etc.
- 22. Gifts to clients this is an area under review by CRA!!!

Auto Expenses

You can claim the portion of your expenses relating to business use, but remember that restrictions apply to "luxury" vehicles. The ceiling on which you can claim depreciation (CCA) is \$30,000 plus GST and PST. Cost of vehicle or worth at time of business start up.

Leasing is restricted to \$800 per month plus GST/HST and PST.

- 23. Car mileage (you MUST keep a daily log of business and personal mileage)
- 24. How much you spent in gasoline during the year
- 25. Car repairs & maintenance, oil, windshield washer etc.
- 26. Car Insurance & the extra business portion
- 27. Leasing costs, if you do not own the car
- 28. How much you paid for your car and when you bought it (if car is not leased) - did you buy or sell a vehicle last year?
- 29. Car License renewal fees
- **30. Automobile Club BCAA**
- 31. Parking fees & Car wash these are 100% deductible!
- 32. If you borrowed money to buy the car, you can deduct part of the interest

Home Office: only if you did not have a regular office through work

- 33. If you have an office in the house: Square footage of office/house
- 34. Utilities & Strata costs
- 35. Security & Alarm System install & monthly fees
- 36. House insurance & any specialty items
- 37. House maintenance such as painting, house repairs, etc.
- 38. Interest on the mortgage (get statement from your bank)
- **39.** Property taxes on the house
- **40. Internet connection fees.**

Keeping track of all of these expenses will help us in your income tax preparation & save you accounting costs!

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