

BOOKS

After the bank statements, these are next in line if you should be audited and must be clean.

TRANSFERS:

ALWAYS LABEL TRANSFERS between company accounts (ex. savings to checking, checking to savings) AS A "TRANSFER TO" OR "TRANSFER FROM" IN THE ACCOUNT REGISTER.

MEAL EXPENSES:

Must DOCUMENT: Who was there, business acquaintance, what was discussed, time, date
Overnight stay meals: document business reason for overnight stay. Keep log of overnights.

Checking Register(s):

At the end of the year, place current register with the bank statements and start a new register.

Categories ENTER IRS accepted CATEGORIES on the memo line from the LIST-ask if you need one.

The memo line will either be an Expense, or an Account Payable, or a Transfer to:, or Account Receivable (loan from the co.).

Deposits: LABEL DEPOSITS AS: Income, or Account Receivable, or Account Payable (ie, a loan to the co.).

Fees/Int.: Fees and Interest: Remember to ENTER BANKING EXPENSES and interest income in the register, same date as on statement, everytime you get the statement, prior to filing it away.

Company Charge cards:

Never: NEVER ever ever commingle personal and company purchases. The IRS may disallow your company entity which could cost you dearly. (N/A for Proprietors)

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Either label the statement or the chronologically arraigned charge slips with the correct expense category.

Receipts: In an audit situation, the auditor will ask for a specific document to support a specific check number. Therefore, receipts should always be filed by category and then chronologically - most recent on top. *MAKE SURE TO write check number on receipt.*

Bank Stmt: Banking statements need to have deposits slips and canceled checks (if any) attached to the statements. Then file them, again, by date - most recent on top.

By Year: All receipt files and bank statements should be filed by calendar year to support a tax return for a given year.

Auto (&Trans) Employees submit miles logged for business purposes to company for reimbursement. This is the companies receipt on which the date paid and check number is written before filing away.

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example slip: MILES FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES: _____ x 36.5c PER MILE = _____ FOR MONTH OF: _____ PAID TO EMPLOYEE ON: _____ W/CK# : _____
