

**BUSINESS INCOME TAX
QUESTIONNAIRE & ORGANIZER**
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O'KeeffeCPA & Associates (Christopher J. O'Keeffe, CPA, L.L.C.) is pleased to make available the following tax questionnaire and organizer for business clients.

This tax organizer is designed to help business owner clients maximize their deductions and minimize the stress and problems in preparing and filing a tax return. This organizer is comprised of check point items and simple questions developed by this office to assist clients in collecting relevant tax information.

Make sure your company name and EIN number is at the bottom of each page of this questionnaire.

All information should be either e-mailed to, or physically mailed to:

**O'KeeffeCPA & Associates
1 N. 5th Street, Suite 502
Richmond, Virginia 23219
cjo@cokeeffe.com**

Please contact this office at (804) 421-9550 if you have any questions.

Your Business Name EIN

Current Mailing Address:

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Which County or City?

YES NO

Did your business mailing address change from last year's tax return?

Note: If you changed your business name in 2018, please be sure to change all financial reports with new company name.

If you closed your business in 2018, be sure to notify the city or county finance department to ensure they are aware of the closing of the business. When did you officially close your business? _____

Note: If your business changed owners or percentage allocation to each current owner in 2018, be sure to note those changes on this questionnaire and also make the necessary changes with the State Corporation Commission of your state.

Contact Information:

Office Number: ()

Alternate Number: ()

E-Mail:

HOME BUSINESS/OFFICE QUESTIONS

IF YOU OPERATED A BUSINESS LAST YEAR, PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:

NAME OF BUSINESS

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS
(If different than above)

FEDERAL E.I.N. NUMBER

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

DATE WHEN BUSINESS STARTED

CHECK THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF YOUR BUSINESS:

- Sole Proprietor
- Partnership
- L.L.C.
- C-Corp.

CHECKLIST:

Please be sure to submit the following minimum documentation all at once to this office:

1. ___ * Your Cash-Basis Profit & Loss Statement for the period 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018
2. ___ * Your corresponding Cash-Basis Balance Sheet for the period ending 12/31/2018
3. ___ Your Distribution Report
4. ___ A list of all of your fixed assets, dates purchased, and price currently on your Balance Sheet
5. ___ A list of any of your fixed assets that were sold or disposed of in 2018
6. ___ A copy of your business bank account statement(s) for the last period of 2018
7. ___ If ownership percentages changed among shareholders, please provide a list of names, percentages, and the dates in which the percentages changed.
8. ___ If your company had income in states other than Virginia, please provide a list of those states. Also be ready to allocate your company's income and expenses associated with work performed in those states.
9. ___ A copy of your officer Form W-2 statements
10. ___ A copy of your company Form W-3 statement
11. ___ All Form 1099-MISC statements **received** by your company.
12. ___ Confirmation that your company properly **filed & issued** the required 1099-MISC forms to any Contractors or vendors that you paid \$600.00 or more in 2018.
13. ___ Please provide a list of revenues and related expenses incurred from overseas transactions
14. ___ Please provide a list of all states in which your business transacted in.

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Please verify all of the above requested information accurately reflects your company name and EIN. Please correct any documentation before sending to this office.

* If you are using a chart of accounts spreadsheet or similar type of reporting software, then please send that spreadsheet instead of items 1&2 above. Also, do not double count expenses. If you included certain expenses in items 1 & 2 above, then there is no need to report the expenses again on the following pages. The following pages are designed to ensure you capture all pertinent business expenses for tax purposes.

PLEASE CHECK "YES" OR "NO" FOR EACH QUESTION. WHERE NECESSARY, ATTACH THE SUPPORTING INFORMATION IN AN ORGANIZED AND READABLE FASHION.

YES NO B1. Did you conduct a small business anytime in 2018?

YES NO B2. IF #B1 is yes, did you maintain a home office last year as your principal place of business, to meet or deal with your clients or customers in the normal course of your trade or business?

Please Read The Following Requirements For The Business Use of Home Deduction:

If you use a portion of your home for business purposes, you may be able to take a home office deduction whether you are self-employed or even an employee. Expenses that you may be able to deduct for business use of the home may include the business portion of real estate taxes, mortgage interest, rent, utilities, insurance, depreciation, painting and repairs.

You can claim this deduction for the business use of a part of your home only if you use that part of your home regularly and exclusively:

- As your principal place of business for any trade or business
- As a place to meet or deal with your patients, clients or customers in the normal course of your trade or business.

A home office does not need to be a separate room or permanently partitioned portion of a room. Any "separately identifiable" area can serve as an office [Prop. Reg. 1.280A-2(g)(1); Weightman]. Thus, a corner of a room with a desk and file cabinet could qualify as a home office.

By checking the "Yes" box above in Question B2, you acknowledge that you have read and meet these requirements for the home office deduction.

B3. If #B2 is yes, what was the square footage of your house or apartment?

B4. If #B2 is yes, what was the square footage of your home office space?

B5. If #B2 is yes, what are your total utility bills last year? Make sure to also add the business portion of the utilities expenses to your financial statements (such as in QuickBooks, Chart of Accounts, etc) (Electrical, Water, Trash Removal, Cable, Internet, Natural Gas/Oil)

B6. If #B2 is yes, what are your total phone bills last year? Make sure to also add the business portion of the telephone expenses to your financial statements (such as in QuickBooks, Chart of Accounts, etc)

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B7. If #B2 is yes, what were your other home operating expenses to consider?
(Cable fees, Association Fees, Maid Services, Lawn Services)

B8. If #B1 is yes, when did your business start (Month/Day/Year)?

B9. If #B1 is yes, what type of business is it?

B10. If #B1 is yes, what other assets should be considered for depreciation?

YES NO B11. If #B1 is yes, did you buy a new vehicle last year?

B12. If #B1 is yes, what is the make , model , year , and specific purchase date of the vehicle you bought last year?

B13. If #B1 is yes, what are the total business miles driven?

B14. If #B1 is yes, what are the total miles used for that vehicle (break out business, personal, and commuting)? Make sure to also add your mileage expenses to your financial statements (such as in QuickBooks, Chart of Accounts, etc)

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YES NO B15. If #B1 is yes, what are your Section 179 carryover expenses from last year, if any?

YES NO B16. If #B15 is yes, do you have any carryover losses from last year? What were they?

B17. If #B1 is yes, please provide a photocopy of the annual Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

B18. If #B1 is yes, please provide copy of last year's business tax return.

B19. If #B1 is yes, please provide a copy of your local business license.

B20. If #B1 is yes, please provide a copy of any State Corporation Commission documentation.

B21. If #B1 is yes, what is your State Business/Tax Account number?

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YES NO
when?

B22. If #B1 is yes, did you close your business or sell part of you business and

YES NO

B23. If #B1 is yes, did your business change names? What is new name?

YES NO

B24. If #B1 is yes, did your business change its tax status (i.e. S-Corporation)?

To what?

B25. If #B1 is yes and you lived in an apartment, what was your monthly rent?

B26. If #B1 is yes and you lived in an apartment, what was your renter's insurance?

B27. If #B1 is yes, what was your apartment or neighborhood association fees?

B28. If #B1 is yes, please provide the total of all of the 12/31/2018 Business Bank Account Balances?

To the best of my knowledge, all information contained within this document is true, correct and complete.

The Internal Revenue Code and regulations impose preparation and disclosure standards with non-compliance penalties on both the preparer of a tax return and on the taxpayer. These standards differ. Unless The Firm has a reasonable belief that any tax position in The Client's return will more-likely-than-not be sustained on its merits, a preparer penalty will be imposed on The Firm unless that position has a reasonable basis and is adequately disclosed in the return. And, while This Firm might be able to avoid a preparer penalty by adequately disclosing the return position, The Client might not have to disclose the position in order to avoid applicable taxpayer penalties. If The Firm determines that The Firm would be subject to a preparer penalty by delivering your return to you, you agree to either adequately disclose that position on your return or change the position to one that would not subject this Firm to penalty. If you do not choose to change your position or adequately disclose that position, The Firm, in its sole discretion and at any time, may withdraw from the engagement without completing or delivering tax returns to you. To the best of my knowledge, all information contained within this document is true, correct and complete.

Conflict of Interest and Waiver of Confidentiality: In preparing a tax return for a business entity with more than one owner, it must be recognized that the interests of each party may be in conflict. For instance, a business partnership may terminate during or after the period of this engagement. In order for The Firm to proceed with this engagement, this Firm must have the written consent and acknowledgement of each party. This consent is important because this Firm intends to approach this engagement in an objective way without intending to favor any one party. This Firm cannot and will not receive any confidential information from either party; that is, any information received into this office will be made known to each party. By each signature on this engagement letter, each party consents to this waiver of confidentiality between each party.

Business Owner Signature:

Date

Company Name _____

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