

What business entity are you?

- Sole Proprietorship
 - Single owner
- Partnership
 - Ownership between two or more persons
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
 - Separation of person and business
 - Protects personal assets
- S-Corporation
 - Taxes flow to the shareholders
 - Does not pay its own federal income tax
- C-Corporation
 - Double taxation: Entity and shareholders pay taxes separately

Retirement Savings Options

- If you're an owner/operator:
 - Traditional/Roth IRA
 - SEP IRA
 - Solo 401(k)
- If you have employees:
 - 401(k)
 - Simple IRA

(Note that these aren't the only options available, but these are the most common.)

How to Pay Yourself:

- Salary
 - Provides consistent personal income, but relies on company profits
- Owner's Draw
 - Take excess funds as needed
- Dividends (for corporations)
 - Taxed at a lower rate compared to regular income
- Bonuses
- Profit Distributions (for partnerships & LLCs)
 - Distributes profits based on ownership percentages

Organize & Track Your Finances

- Separate personal financial activity from your business' financial activity
- Learn how it works, then hire someone to do it for you. Focus on your business!
 - Some software recommendations:
 - Intuit Quickbooks
 - Xero
 - Wave Accounting (*Free*)

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