

New Business Setup Checklist

A practical checklist for launching a UK business: structure, HMRC registrations, record-keeping, and the first 90 days of trading.

- Choose a structure: sole trader, partnership or limited company.
- Register with HMRC (Self Assessment or corporation tax) and Companies House if needed.
- Open a dedicated business bank account and set up cloud bookkeeping.
- Check VAT, PAYE and insurance from day one.
- Diary the first 90 days: invoices, expenses, and a bookkeeping rhythm.

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