

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS GUIDE TO TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR 2023



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One of the most common questions my small business owner clients ask me towards the end of the year is "What can I do to bring down my taxable income to avoid a hefty tax bill?" Most times it is too late in the 4th quarter to make a significant change, but the below options can be implemented in 2023 to increase your tax deductions moving forward.

1. Wages and salaries: Hourly wages and annual salaries paid to employees are fully deductible, including bonuses and commissions.

2. Employee benefits: Employee benefits lead to tax deductions. The following employee programs are tax deductible: Education assistance, Childcare allowances, Life insurance adoption assistance and Qualified retirement plan accounts.

3. Contract labor: The cost of paying independent contractors, freelancers, and even legal and professional services are

fully tax deductible as long as the payments made are more than \$600.

4. Interest expenses: Small business loans and business credit cards are two vital financial resources, and the interest expense of business and some personal loan payments are tax-deductible.

5. Insurance: Business insurance is an unavoidable expense for small business owners but may make them eligible for a tax deduction.

6. Leasing costs: Rental payments made on an office space or retail space lease are tax deductible as a business expense as well as the interest on lease payments made on equipment financing, i.e., Copy Machine.

7. Taxes: Business taxes including federal, state, real estate, and sales taxes can be deducted. Other expenses like FICA, FUTA, and state unemployment taxes, are also 100 percent tax-deductible.

If your business is not currently utilizing any of the above mentioned, now is the time for 2023.

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