Business Owner Checklist



Client Name:			Date:	
Area	Action Required	Responsibility	Date Completed	
Business Structure & Intellectual Propert	у			
Establish Company / Trust - Lodge ASIC Forms				
Prepare Business Structure Diagram				
Register Business Name				
Complete Shareholders / Governance Agreement				
Insurance Buy / Sell Agreement				
Register Trademarks & Intellectual Property				
ATO & Other Compliance Issues				
TFN / ABN / GST / PAYG / FBT Registration				
PAYG Withholding (employees) Registration				
Any compulsory registration, licences etc (e.g. BSA)				
Fringe Benefits Tax issues - Log Books				
Payroll Tax Registration required?				
Accounting System Setup (Xero Online A	ccounting System recomme	ended)		
Setup XERO online accounting software				
Arrange training for XERO accounting software				
Design Chart of Accounts				
Prepare Operating Budget & Cash Flow Forecasts				
Create an Asset Register				
Decide on frequency of Management Reports				
Establish Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)				
Establish Agenda for regular Board Meetings				
Agree on Scope of Accounting Services - Sign off on Terms of Engagement				
Agree on Accounting Responsibilities - W	/ho is responsible for:			
Classification of payments / receipts / credit cards?				
Data entry of receipts and Invoicing?				
Bank reconciliations?				

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Entering Creditors into Xero?		
Creditor's payments?		
Follow up of outstanding Debtors?		
Business Activity Statements (BAS's)?		
Payroll processing?		
Payment of Employee PAYG Tax?		
Payment of Employee Superannuation?		

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Employment Issues			
Setup XERO PAYROLL online payroll software			
Arrange training for XERO PAYROLL			
Complete Fair Work Act Checklist			
Prepare Employment Agreements / Contracts including: Confidentiality, Internet & e-mail usage			
Create Employment Policies and Systems			
Arrange for Workcover Insurance			
Establish Employer Superannuation Fund			
Complete Employee Tax File Number Declarations			
Insurance Protection			
Workcover Insurance			
Public Liability Insurance			
Professional Indemnity Insurance			
Directors / Officers Liability Insurance			
Contents / Fire Insurance			
Key Man Insurance			
Income Protection Insurance			
Life & TPD Insurance			
Trauma Insurance			
Banking Issues			
Open Bank Accounts (trading)			
Open Cash Management Account (surplus cash)			
Establish Credit Card facilities			
Establish finance facilities			
Establish BPAY facility			

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Other Issues		
Plan for PAYG Tax Payments		
Does your Will need to be updated?		
Arrange for new business stationery		
Terms of Engagement - Client to sign		
Complete property leases		
Appoint a Solicitor		

Area	Action Required	Responsibility	Date Completed
Tax Planning			
Reviews in April and June of each year			
Client Needs - Ongoing Projects			
Lifeplan [™] - Where will business owner be in 10 years?			
SMSF Setup & Advice			
Monthly / Quarterly Reporting			
Monthly / Quarterly Management Meetings			
Profit Plan / Cash Flow Forecast			
Business Performance Review (Profit Optimiser)			
Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Reporting			
Retirement Planning - Needs Analysis			
Business Valuation Review			
Business Succession Review			
Groom Business for Future Sale			
Shareholder's Buy / Sell Agreement & Insurance			
Asset Protection / Business Structure Advice			
Loans Review			
Debt Recycling Advice			
Establish / Update Will & Power of Attorney			
Business Systems			
Employee / HR Systems			
Upgrade Technology & Software			
Foreign Exchange (Hedgehog) Software Setup			