
General Engagement Letter for S Corporation Tax Return Preparation



Welcome to 2024!

On the following pages you will find your S-Corporation Engagement Letter as well as an Organizer to help make the tax return process as easy as possible. If The Busy Bookkeeper is currently doing your books, please fill out page 1 of the organizer making sure to note any changes that we may not be aware of. If The Busy Bookkeeper is not your current bookkeeping service please fill out all pages as completely as possible as well as providing access to your bookkeeping software for easy access.

Due to increase requirements for Due Diligence of information verification you may be asked for additional information that we may not have asked for in the past. We apologize for any inconvenience, but it is important for the purposes of Identity Protection that we now need to request this additional information, the fines for not completing our Due Diligence requirements are hefty and we are wanting to avoid any issues for the future.

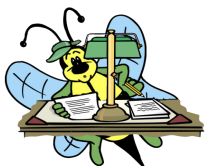
Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions - we look forward to working with you to fulfill your federal and state filing requirements.

For your convenience you can schedule an appointment either in person, Zoom or phone, with these calendar links:

Rene' Hayes, EA	https://calendly.com/rene-busybookkeeper
Kari Reyes, EA	https://calendly.com/kari-busybookkeeper
Hannah Holmberg	https://calendly.com/hannah-busybookkeeper
Valeria Bond, EA	https://calendly.com/valeria-busybookkeeper

Privacy Policy. The nature of our work requires us to collect certain nonpublic personal information about you from various sources. We collect financial and personal information from applications, work-sheets, reporting statements, and other forms, as well as interviews and conversations with our clients and affiliates. We may also review banking and credit card information about our clients in the performance of receipt of payment. Under our policy, all information we obtain about you will be provided by you or obtained with your permission.

Our firm has procedures and policies in place to protect your confidential information. We restrict access to your confidential information to those within our firm who need to know in order to provide you with services. We will not disclose your personal information to any third party without your express written permission, except where required by law. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards in compliance with federal regulations that protect your personal information from unauthorized access. Please contact us with any questions regarding our privacy policy.



Engagement Letter for S Corporation Tax Return Preparation

This letter is to inform you, the corporation and corporation representative (taxpayer), of the services we will provide you, and the responsibilities you have for preparation of your tax return.

Tax Return Preparation Services

- We will prepare your 2023 Form 1120-S, *U.S. Income Tax Return for an S-Corporation*, and applicable state tax return(s) based on information you provide. Services for preparation of your returns do not include auditing or verification of information provided by you.
- This engagement does not include any audit or examination of your books or records. In the event your return is audited, you will be responsible for verifying the items reported.
- Assisting you with your compliance with the Corporate Transparency Act, including beneficial ownership information reporting, is not within the scope of this engagement. Please do let us know if you have not already filed this MANDATORY requirement as we can file this for you under a separate engagement.
- The tax return preparation fee does not include bookkeeping. Additional fees apply for these services.
- Fees charged for tax return preparation do not include audit representation or preparing materials to respond to correspondence from taxing authorities.
- Preparation fees do cover limited assistance and consultation during the year.
- The engagement to prepare your 2023 tax returns terminates upon delivery of your completed returns and original documents to you. Please store your supporting documents and your tax returns in a secure place for at least seven years. You may be assessed a fee if you request a duplicate copy in the future.

Taxpayer Responsibilities

- You agree to provide us all income and deductible expense information including any supporting data necessary to prepare your return. If you receive additional information after we begin working on your return, you will contact us immediately to ensure your completed tax returns contain all relevant information.
- You affirm that all expenses or other deduction amounts are accurate and that you have all required supporting written records. In some cases, we will ask to review your documentation.
- You must be able to provide written records of all items included on your return if audited by either the IRS or state tax authority. We can provide guidance concerning what evidence is acceptable.
- You must review the returns carefully before signing to make sure the information is correct.
- Fees must be paid before your tax returns are delivered to you or filed for you. If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay a fee for work completed.
- A retainer of **\$250** is required for scheduling of the preparation of your returns.
- Payment can be made by contacting the office or <https://paypal.me/busybookkeeper>

Signatures. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept your obligations and responsibilities and that you understand our responsibilities in preparing your tax returns as explained above. For a joint return, both taxpayers must sign.

Corporation Representative, Title of Representative

Date

Name of Corporation

S Corporation Tax Organizer

Use a separate organizer for each S corporation

S Corporation General Information

Legal name of S corporation		EIN	–
S corporation address <input type="checkbox"/> (check if new address)			
S Corporation Representative		Title	
		Email	Phone ()
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have a change of business name during the year?		
Principal business activity		Date business started	/ /
Principal product or service		Date business closed	/ /
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Was the primary purpose of the S corporation's activity to realize a profit?		
Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Does the corporation file under a calendar year? (If no, what is the fiscal year?)		

S Corporation Specific Questions

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation hold an annual meeting with shareholders with a record of minutes maintained?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Was the corporation a C corporation before it elected to be an S corporation?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is any shareholder in the corporation a disregarded entity, a partnership, a trust, an S corporation, or an estate?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation own directly 20% or more, or own, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the total stock issued and outstanding of any foreign or domestic corporation?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation own directly an interest of 20% or more, or own, directly or indirectly, an interest of 50% or more in the profit, loss, or capital in any foreign or domestic partnership or in the beneficial interest of a trust?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have any outstanding shares of restricted stock at the end of the tax year?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have any outstanding stock options, warrants, or similar instruments at the end of the tax year?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have any non-shareholder debt that was cancelled, forgiven, or had terms modified to reduce amount of principal?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Was the corporation's S election terminated or revoked during the year?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	At any time during the year, did the corporation have an interest in, or signature authority over a financial account in a foreign country?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Was there a distribution of property or a transfer (by sale or death) of a shareholder interest during the tax year?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Does the corporation satisfy the following conditions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corporation's total receipts for the tax year were less than \$250,000, and • The corporation's total assets at the end of the tax year were less than \$250,000.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation pay \$600 or more of nonemployee compensation to any individual? If yes, include a copy of Form 1099-NEC for each.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan that was forgiven in 2023?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	At any time during this tax year, did the corporation (a) receive a digital asset (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)?

Principal Shareholders Ownership Information

Name/Title	Tax ID number (SSN or EIN)	Address	Ownership percentage	Shareholder stock basis	U.S. citizen?
				\$	
				\$	
				\$	

How many shareholders were there on the last day of the year?

Shareholders – Provide the following information for any shareholder who was an officer or 2% or more owner of the corporation during the year

Shareholder/Officer name	Wages paid	Health insurance premiums paid	Capital contributions from shareholder	Distributions to shareholder	Shareholder loans to corporation	Loans repaid by corporation to shareholder

All Clients – Additional information and documents required

- Provide the business income/financial statements for the year (per books), balance sheet, depreciation schedule per books, and cash reconciliation of all business bank accounts with ending cash balances.
- If the S corporation has employees, provide a copy of Form W-3, Form 940, Form 941, and any state quarterly tax filing reports.
- If the S corporation made payments of \$600 or more to independent contractors, provide copies of Form 1099-NEC issued.
- If any shareholders live in a different state or outside the United States, provide details. The corporation may be subject to withholding requirements.

New Clients – Additional information and documents required

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| Date incorporated | |
| State of incorporation | Corporation state domicile |
| Date of S corporation election | |
- Provide a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and any corporate resolutions.
 - Provide a copy of the depreciation schedules for book, tax, and AMT.
 - Provide copies of returns for the last two years, including state returns.
 - Enclose a copy of IRS Form 2553, *Election by a Small Business Corporation*, and IRS acceptance.

S Corporation Balance Sheet

Corporation assets at year end		Corporation debts and equity at year end	
Bank account end of year balance	\$	Accounts payable at year end	\$
Accounts receivable at end of year	\$	Payables less than one year	\$
Inventories	\$	Payables more than one year	\$
Loans to shareholders	\$	Mortgages, notes payable	\$
Mortgages and loans held by corporation	\$	Loans from shareholders	\$
Stocks, bonds, and securities	\$	Capital stock (<i>common</i>)	\$
Other current assets (<i>include list</i>)	\$	Retained earnings	\$

S Corporation Income (include all Forms 1099-K received)

Gross receipts or sales	\$	Dividend income (<i>include all 1099-DIV Forms</i>)	\$
Returns and allowances	\$ ()	Capital gain/loss (<i>include all 1099-B Forms</i>)	\$
Interest income (<i>include all 1099-INT Forms</i>)	\$	Other income (loss) (<i>include a statement</i>)	\$

S Corporation Cost of Goods Sold (for manufacturers, wholesalers, and businesses that make, buy, or sell goods)

Inventory at beginning of the year	\$	Materials and supplies	\$
Purchases	\$	Inventory at the end of the year	\$
Cost of labor	\$		

S Corporation Expenses

Advertising	\$	Meals – business	\$
Annual corporation fees	\$	Office supplies	\$
Bad debts	\$	Organization costs	\$
Bank charges	\$	Pension and profit sharing plans – employee	\$
Business licenses	\$	Pension and profit sharing plans – shareholder	\$
Cleaning/janitorial	\$	Professional education and training	\$
Commissions and fees	\$	Rent or lease – car, machinery, equipment	\$
Compensation of officers	\$	Rent or lease – other business property	\$
Contract labor (<i>include Forms 1099-NEC</i>)	\$	Rent paid	\$
Employee benefit programs	\$	Repairs and maintenance	\$
Entertainment (not deductible)	\$	Salaries and wages (<i>include Forms W-2</i>)	\$
Health care plans – employee	\$	Taxes – payroll	\$
Health care plans – shareholder	\$	Taxes – property	\$
Insurance (<i>other than health insurance</i>)	\$	Taxes – sales	\$
Interest – business credit cards	\$	Telephone	\$
Interest – business loans/credit lines	\$	Utilities	\$
Interest – mortgage	\$	Other expense	\$
Internet service	\$	Other expense	\$
Legal and professional services	\$	Other expense	\$

Car Expenses (use a separate form for each vehicle)

Make/Model	Date car placed in service / /		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Car available for personal use during off-duty hours?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you (or your spouse) have any other cars for personal use?	Did you trade in your car this year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you have evidence?	Cost of trade-in	Trade-in value	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is your evidence written?	\$	\$	
<i>Mileage</i>		<i>Actual Expenses</i>	
Beginning of year odometer		Gas/oil	\$
End of year odometer		Insurance	\$
Business mileage		Parking fees/tolls	\$
Commuting mileage		Registration/fees	\$
Other mileage		Repairs	\$

Generally, you can use either the standard mileage rate or actual expenses to calculate the deductible costs of operating your car for business purposes. However, to use the standard mileage rate, it must be used in the first year the car is available for business. In later years, you can then choose between either the standard mileage rate method or actual expenses.

Equipment Purchases – Enter the following information for depreciable assets purchased that have a useful life greater than one year

Asset	Date purchased	Cost	Date placed in service	New or used?
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		
		\$		

Equipment Sold or Disposed of During Year

Asset	Date out of service	Date sold	Selling price/FMV	Trade-in?
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

S Corporation Business Credits (if answered Yes for any of the below, please provide a statement with details)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation pay expenses to make it accessible by individuals with disabilities?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation pay any FICA on employee wages for tips above minimum wage?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation own any residential rental buildings providing qualified low-income housing?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation incur any research and experimental expenditures during the tax year?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation have employer pension plan start-up costs?	Total number of employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation pay health insurance premiums for employees?	Total number of employees
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Did the corporation purchase and place in service any electric vehicles or energy efficient commercial building property?	

State Estimated or Pass-Through Entity (PTE) Tax Payments — Tax Year 2023

State	Amount	Date Paid	State	Amount	Date Paid
	\$			\$	
	\$			\$	
	\$			\$	
	\$			\$	

Tax Return Preparation

We will prepare the corporation's tax return based on information provided. In the event the return is audited, you will be responsible for verifying the items reported. It is important that you review the return carefully before signing to make sure the information is correct. Unless otherwise stated, the services for preparation of the corporation's return do not include auditing, review, or any other verification or assurance.

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- Keep a copy of the tax return and any related tax documents. You may be assessed a fee if you request a duplicate copy in the future.

Signatures. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and accept your obligations and responsibilities.

Taxpayer

Title

Date

Privacy Policy

The nature of our work requires us to collect certain nonpublic information. We collect financial and personal information from applications, worksheets, reporting statements, and other forms, as well as interviews and conversations with our clients and affiliates. We may also review banking and credit card information about our clients in the performance of receipt of payment. Under our policy, all information we obtain about you will be provided by you or obtained with your permission.

Our firm has procedures and policies in place to protect your confidential information. We restrict access to your confidential information to those within our firm who need to know in order to provide you with services. We will not disclose your personal information to a third party without your express written permission, except where required by law. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards in compliance with federal regulations that protect your personal information from unauthorized access.