

## **New Client Document Checklist**

<u>Initial Items Needed:</u>
Copy of most recently completed tax return
Access to current accounting software (for instance, add as Accountant user to QBO)
If you do not have access to your current accounting software (for example if your previous bookkeeper maintained your file in their system), ask for an electronic backup copy of your file (you are entitled to this data as it is work you have already paid for). If you cannot obtain a copy of your data file, we will need the following, as we must completely reconstruct your financial information:
Current year-to-date <i>General Ledger</i> report
Current <i>Trial Balance</i> report
Year-to-date <i>Profit &amp; Loss</i> report
Current <i>Balance Shee</i> t report
Most recent Bank Reconciliation report which includes any outstanding transactions
Year-to-date <i>Check Register</i>
Current Accounts Receivable detail report (if applicable)
Current Accounts Payable detail report (if applicable)
Most recent Loan Statements
Most recent Credit Card Statements
<ul> <li>Year-to-date Payroll Reports (must show details of gross wages, payroll taxes, and deductions for each employee, as well as copies of all payroll tax reports filed and payroll tax payments made)</li> <li>Fixed asset listing</li> </ul>
Direct read-only access to business bank account and credit cards (can usually be set up through your online log in) or alternately, bank and credit card statements year to date
Recurring Automatic Payment Authorization form
If we are processing your payroll, we need for each employee: W4, WT-4, I-9, pay rate, and deduction details
Contact information for your tax preparer



## Ongoing Document Collection: Monthly bank and credit card statements (if read-only access cannot be provided) A listing of all pre-authorized direct deposits and withdrawals on your bank and credit card statements Images of deposit slips w/check copies and invoice number paid if applicable (or similar documentation showing same details such as a deposit log) Listing of customer payments received by other methods – i.e. credit card, ACH (invoice #, date, amount, payment method) List of current outstanding customer invoices (accounts receivable listing) Images of checks issued (or similar documentation showing same details – such as check register – with notations identifying the expense) Payroll documentation: If you are processing – all reports detailing gross pay, tax calculations, as well as tax payments made and reports filed. If we are processing – timesheets and other supporting documentation (commissions, deductions, etc) submitted minimum of 2 business day prior to paycheck date for payments issued by check, or 4 business days prior to paycheck date for direct deposit. \_\_\_\_ Vendor payments: Details of what was paid (match up to check register information), and what you have received but have not yet paid if you are accrual basis. If you accept credit card payments, card processor monthly settlement report Loan statements, including documentation for any new loans (must show principal amount, interest rate and lender information) Details on purchase or sale of any capital assets Details on any owner withdrawals or contributions

\*Note that the need for some of these items can be eliminated if we are using QuickBooks Online and your bank accounts are connected via the bank feed.