

# Business Plan

A practical guide to assist you in developing a business plan



1.	Name of company:			
	Company address:			
	City:			Postal code:
2.	Name of applicant:			
	Applicant address:			
	City:			Postal code:
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3.	Contacts: Telephone:		Cell:	
-	Fax:		Email:	
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4.	Is this a new or existing bu	ısiness?		
	New	Existing	Date the hus	iness was established:
	TVOVV		Date the bac	in loos was obtablished.
5.	Company's sector of activ	vity2		
٥.	Company 3 Sector of activ	ity:		
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о.	Have you ever been in bus	siness before?		
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7.				
	Please answer the following of			
			of applying for prot	ection under the Bankruptcy Act?
	Yes	No		
	b. Have you ever been sue	d or been the subject —	of an originating no	otice?
	Yes	No		
	c. Are you or the business	in tax arrears to CRA	(HST and Source D	Deductions)?
	Yes	No		
	d. Have you received previo	ous assistance from the	he Federal or the Pr	rovincial government?
	Yes	No		
	If you answered yes to any o	f the above, please p	rovide details:	
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# 1. Company overview

ormation pronat you do,	roviding the co where you do	ontext for your part, how and wh	oroject. Descril y. What are yo	oe your busine ur objectives a	ss. What is yound the company	ur area of exper y's values?	tise? Desci



# 2. Products and services

Provide a list of products and/or services offere transportation, etc.). If a similar one exists in y	d. Provide as many details as possible (i.e. rour trading area, describe any advantage y	oricing, supply of ra your business ma	aw materials, y have.
Are your business services/products sea	sonal?		
Yes No			
If yes, provide period of business services:			
What is your high season period?			
Legal form of Business (type of business	)		
Sole proprietorship	Business name registration date	MM DD	YYYY
Partnership	Registration date	MM DD	YYYY
Incorporated	Date of incorporation	MM DD	YYYY
Co-operative	Fiscal year end	MM DD	YYYY

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5.	Ad	dress of proposed	location:									
	Los	an provide the zoning	g certificate	e for the zoning	of the p	property	ocation.			Yes		No
	ls t	he zoning adequate	for your bu	usiness?						Yes		No
		Rent					Owners	hip				
	Re	nt per month				Pro	perty taxe	s (month)				
	Util	ities/Heating (month	)			Wa	nter/Sewer	s (month)				
	Oth	ner expenses (month	٦)			Ins	urance (m	onth)				
	Nu	mber of years of lea	se			Mc	rtgage (m	onth)				
6.		nagement (the pe ners/Managers/Sha									Share Held	es
	Na	me		Position			Key Roles	3			(%)	
7.		ofessional advisors		ng service provi	iders:							
			Name			Phone Number		Yearly estimate cost	ed	Monthly cost	/ estima	ated
	a.	Accountant										
	b.	Legal Advisor										
	C.	Insurance Co./ Agent										
	d.	Expert Advisor										
	е.	Banker Line of credit						Total allocat	ted 1			

**IMPORTANT:** 1., see page 30 for details.





# 1. Market Summary

health care, retail,	dustry in which your busing etc.)? What are the trends ienced growth? Who are th	s, the challenges and t	tering, transportation, con ne future projections of this ers?	struction, agriculture business sector? Has
What is the regi	ion where you will opera	te your business and	l what is the population o	f that region?
a. Region:		•		<u> </u>
b. Population:				
			ustomers (social status, or where and how they buy)?	
Gender:	Male	Female	N/A	
Age:	0 – 17	18 – 24	25 – 34	35 – 44
	45 54		05	
	45 – 54	55 – 64	65 or more	

2.

3.



4.	Trading area
	Will all your business be generated within your local community or will your business draw customers from surrounding communities? Explain.
5.	Market justification
	Why do you feel the identified trading area can support your proposed project?
6.	What is the average amount of money that one customer will spend per year on the products or services that you provide?
7.	Who are your competitors in your market? List.





# 8. Analysis of strengths and weaknesses

Select four businesses among your closest competitors and perform a comparative analysis of strengths and weaknesses.

# Strengths

Internal factors that positively influence your performance or the performance of your competitors. These strengths represent the foundation on which to build the future of a business. Here are a few questions to ask yourself and your competitors.

- What do you do exceptionally well?
- What benefits set you apart from your competitors?
- What are your best resources?
- What are your strengths according to your customers?

#### Weaknesses

Internal factors that negatively affect your performance. These weaknesses provide important potential indicators for improvement. Here are a few questions to ask yourself and your competitors.

- What could you do better?
- What are the main criticisms raised by your customers, employees, providers, subcontractors, bankers, etc.?
- Where are you vulnerable?

Competitors  Your business	Strengths	Weaknesses





# 9. How to determine your potential sales in your target market.

	(the total number of individuals or businesses in the target area)
	(the number of individuals or businesses that represent your target customers)
	(add 3 for the following elements: 1 new store, 1 Internet, 1 outside purchase)
	(total potential customers divided by the number of competitors)
	(the average amount spent annually per customer)
	(number of potential customers multiplied by the annual buying average)
e (target marl	ket: women between 18 and 65)
16,200	(8,400 women, 7,800 men)
6,200	(8,400 women, target market between 18 and 65: 6,200)
38%	(6,200 women/16,200)
8	(5 + 1 new store + 1 purchase outside the area + 1 Internet)
775	(6,200 divided by 8)
13%	(775 women/6,200 women)
\$180	(a woman spends on average \$180 per year on shoes)
\$139,500	(\$180 × 775)
	16,200 6,200 38% 8 775 13% \$180





	What promotion	ai activities will you und	dertake to market your products and/or services?	
			dia, posters, brochures, business cards, samples, trade shows, network loons, special events, sponsors, 2 for 1 promotion, loyalty programs, e	
2.	When and how	often do you plan to car	ry out marketing activities?	
3.	Promotional bud	dget		
	Monthly advertisin	g/promotion		
	,			
4.	How did you de	termine your promotion	al costs?	
5	What payment r	nothode will you offer w	our quetamore?	
5.		nethods will you offer yo		
5.	What payment r	nethods will you offer yo	our customers?  Electronic payment Other (Paypal)	
5.			Electronic payment Other	
	Cash Cheque	Debit card  Credit card	Electronic payment (Paypal)  Mobile payment	
5.	Cash Cheque Will you provide	Debit card  Credit card  credit to your custome	Electronic payment (Paypal)  Mobile payment	
	Cash Cheque	Debit card  Credit card	Electronic payment (Paypal)  Mobile payment	
	Cash Cheque Will you provide Yes	Debit card  Credit card  credit to your custome  No	Electronic payment (Paypal)  Mobile payment	
6.	Cash Cheque Will you provide Yes	Debit card  Credit card  credit to your custome  No	Electronic payment (Paypal)  Mobile payment  rs?	





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1.	Locatio	ш

Wha	t are your	hours of operation		
Vond	day	Opening	Closing	
Tues	,			
	nesday			
	sday			
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Satur				
Sunc	-			
	ity what leg will obtain t		natters, such as li	enses and contracts, need to be addressed. Briefly explain I
	Business	license (e.g., dayca	are, hair salon, dea	lership, gas station, etc.)
	Regulation	ns relevant to locati	on and zoning	
	Health ins	spection		
	Intellectua	al property (e.g., pa	tents, trademarks	nd copyright)
	Industry-s	specific licenses (e.	g., dentistry, altern	ative medicine, etc.)
	Import/Ex	port		
	Employee	e registration		
	Contractu	ıal agreements (par	tnerships, self-em	oloyed workers, etc.)
	Otlo or loor	al matters. Explain.		

**Important:** Did you receive the necessary licenses and permits from the regulatory agencies (Department of Health, Public Safety, Environment, Social Development, Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Canada Revenue Agency, etc.)?





# 4. Insurance matters

Нu	man resources				
ì.	Number of new jo	obs to be created.			
	Full time:	Part time:	Seasonal:	C	Contractual:
).	Do you have suffi	icient employees to fulfill	business hours?		
	Yes	No			
	Staff members				
	Identify the specific	tasks of staff members. Also	list any personal experience th	at could be of va	alue for this busir
				Salaries/	Benefits
	Positions	Roles/Tasks	Experience required	wages 2.	CPP, EI, etc.
	Owner				
	Owner				
	0				
	Owner				
			TOTA	AL	
	Employee		TOTA	AL	
			TOTA	AL	
	Employee		TOTA	AL	
	Employee Employee		TOTA	AL	
	Employee Employee		TOTA	AL .	
	Employee Employee Employee Employee		TOTA		
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**IMPORTANT:** 2., 3., see page 30 for details.





6. List of machinery, equipment, fixtures and furnishings (existing and proposed), related to proposed project.

Quantity	Description (Include manufacturer's name, machine capacity, etc.)	Year of mfg.	Year of purchase	Quote price
			TOTA	\L

<sup>\*\*</sup> Attach manufacturer's specifications, brochures, etc. wherever possible.





# 1. Start-up costs

How much money do you need to start your business? In the first column, list all items you will need to start your business and the costs related to each one. In the next column, specify the source of funding.

Funds used	Source of funds	Monthly payment
Land	CBDC	
Building	Bank/Credit Union	
Equipment	Provincial Government	
Vehicle	ACOA	
Leasehold improvements	BDC	
Inventory	Owner's contribution	
Working capital	Miscellaneous	
Miscellaneous*	Miscellaneous	
Total	Total	
2. Owner's contribution		
Are you providing assets or making a p	personal investment?	
Yes No		
Are you getting a personal loan or line	of credit?	
Yes No		
Details on either of the two questions:		





#### 3. Historical financial statements

#### Documents to enclose as attachments:

- Balance sheet for the last three years (for existing businesses only)
- Financial statements for the last three years (for existing businesses only)
- Income statement for the current year (for existing businesses only)
- Statement of cash flow (projected on a monthly basis for the first two years of operation)
- Break-even
- Income tax (please provide your personal tax notice for the last three years)

#### 4. Fixed and variable costs

Virtually all of the costs associated with your business will fall into one of two categories:

#### Variable costs

These costs change in proportion to the level of activity (sales in dollars or units sold) of a business. Some examples of variable costs are:

- Wages for part-time or temporary employees
- Delivery charges
- Cost of goods sold
- Utilities

## Fixed costs

These costs remain the same regardless of the level of activity (sales in dollars or units sold) of a business. Some examples of fixed costs are:

- Rent
- Interest on debt
- Publicity
- Telephone
- Tax
- Insurance
- Business licenses (e.g. Liquor license)
- Salary of permanent or full-time employees
- Loan payments

#### 5. Profit Margin

What will be the gross profit margin percentage of products and services sold?	
(if you have several products/services, calculate the average)	

You can calculate the gross profit margin using the following method:

Gross Profit Margin (%) = Sales Price (\$) - Cost Price (\$) x 100% Sales Price (\$)





## 6. Forecast assumptions

Overall, what are your assumptions with regards to the sale of your products or services? An efficient sales forecast is based on the analysis of certain basic assumptions, while providing realistic estimates.

Please demonstrate how you have calculated or validated your projected sales per week, month or year.

#### Here are two examples:

#### Service-type business

- A → Your hourly rate billed to clients (\$50/hr)
- B → Number of hours projected to be charged to clients (30 hrs/week)
- C → Total revenues for the week

 $A \times B = C$ 

 $($50/hr) \times (30 hrs/week) = $1,500/week$ 

# Retail-type business

- A → Price of item sold (\$30)
- B → Number of items sold during the period (50)
- C → Total revenues for period

 $A \times B = C$ 

 $$30 \times 50 = $1,500$ 

## Cost of goods sold

With the total amount of items calculated in your sales forecast, please determine the total cost of items sold (i.e. the manufacturer's cost). Here is an example:

- A → Purchase price of item sold (\$15)
- B -> Number of items sold during the period (50)
- C → Total cost of goods sold for period

 $A \times B = C$ 

 $$15 \times 50 = $750$ 

#### 7. Cash Flow

Establishing cash flow allows you to determine monthly inflows and outflows. It indicates whether the company will have enough money to meet its capital needs each month. By making a projection of these financial statements, the business can predict if it will have enough cash flow to cover its expenses and if it will turn a profit.

That being said, cash flow analysis is an essential activity for small and medium-sized businesses. It allows for projections, thus avoiding the need to resort to emergency measures at the last minute. Cash flow analysis allows you to test your own assumptions and to ensure that you haven't overlooked anything.





Other monthly expenses (please prov	ide any quotation or contract to justify the projected expenses)
Vehicle: Please detail the expenses related to the insurance, lease or loan payment, and m	e vehicle that will be used for the business operation, including costs of gas, naintenance costs.
Costs:	
Office supplies: Please detail all costs for office supplies	such as paper, ink, computer supplies, etc.
Costs:	
Bank fees: Please indicate all costs for banking ser you plan on having a large portion of you percentage of sales.	vices such as monthly account fees, Interac/debit fees or credit card fees. If ur sales paid via credit card, please provide the cost of this service, usually in
Costs:	
Rental equipment: Please provide the total costs for any rer	ntal made by the business.
Costs:	
Taxes & licenses: Please indicate all permits, with their cos	sts required to operate your proposed business.
Costs:	
<b>Telephone &amp; Internet</b> : Please indicate the costs for your busine	ess telephone, cellular, Internet and fax connection.
Costs:	
<b>Equipment maintenance:</b> Please provide the costs of equipment r	naintenance for your business.
Costs:	
<b>Training:</b> Please provide the cost of training for yo	ur business.
Costs:	
Depreciation:	
Computer Equipment	Other Equipment
Costs:	Costs:
Building	Vehicle
Costs:	Costs:
Please detail all expenses related to the they are extraordinary or current expense	business that are not included in the above categories, and specify whether es.
Other expenses:	
Costs:	
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Costs:	





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Employees (benefits)  Employees (wages)  Maintenance (building and equipment)	Water/Sewers						
Employees (wages)  Maintenance (building and equipment)							
Maintenance (building and equipment)							
	Training						

**IMPORTANT:** 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., see page 30 for details.

Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	TOTAL





	Opening balance	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Disbursements (continued)						
Office supplies						
Bank service fees						
Professional fees (accounting)						
Professional fees (legal) 9.						
Property tax						
Rent						
Mortgage						
Advertising						
Loan payments 10.						
Owners Drawings/Wages & Benefits						
Taxes, licences & permits						
Telephone (Internet)						
Vehicle fees (fuel, maintenance, lease)						
Depreciation						
Other 11.						
Other 12.						
Total disbursements						
Summary						
Total cash receipts						
Add: Cash previous month						
Equals: Total cash available						
Less: Total disbursements						
Result: Closing bank balance						
Line of credit						
Line of credit (available)						
Result: Bank balance						
Line of credit (outflow)						
Equal: Closing balance						
Reimbursement – Line of credit						
Available balance on credit line						

**IMPORTANT:** 9., 10., 11, 12., see page 30 for details.

Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	TOTAL





	Opening balance	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Sales						
Sales (less HST) 13.						
Other revenues						
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Total sales						
Cost of goods sold						
Product purchase (less HST) 14.						
Salary and commission						
Transportation						
Other						
Total cost of goods sold						
Total gross profit						
Receipts						
Cash in (15, 30, 45, 60 days) 15.						
Cash sales						
Receivables collected						
Loan proceeds						
Other						
Other						
Other						
Total cash receipts						
Disbursements						
Cash out						
Insurance						
Equipment						
Electricity/heating						
Water/Sewers						
Employees (benefits)						
Employees (wages)						
Maintenance (building and equipment)						
Training						

IMPORTANT: 13., 14., 15., see page 30 for details.





	Opening balance	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Disbursements (continued)						
Office supplies						
Bank service fees						
Professional fees (accounting)						
Professional fees (legal)						
Property tax						
Rent						
Mortgage						
Advertising						
Loan payments						
Owners Drawings/Wages & Benefits						
Taxes, licences & permits						
Telephone (Internet)						
Vehicle fees (fuel, maintenance, lease)						
Depreciation						
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Reimbursement – Line of credit						
Available balance on credit line						

Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	TOTAL



Income:	Year One	%	Year Two	%
Sales				
Other revenue				
Total Sales				
Less: Cost of Sales				
Gross Profit				
(Total Sales - Cost of Sales)				
Expenses:				
Insurance				
Equipment				
Electricity/heating Water/Sewers				
Employees (benefits)				
Employees (wages)				
Maintenance (building and equipment)				
Training				
Office supplies				
Bank service fees				
Professional fees (accounting)				
Professional fees (legal)				
Property tax				
Rent				
Mortgage				
Advertising				
Loan payments				
Owners Drawings/Wages & Benefits				
Taxes, licences & permits				
Telephone (Internet)				
Vehicle fees (fuel, maintenance, lease)				
Depreciation				
Other				
Other				
Total Expenses				
Net Profit (Loss)				
(Gross Profit – Total Expenses)				



Note: (A+B) = (C+D+E)

Assets:		
Assets:		
Cash		
Accounts Receivable		
Inventory		
Prepaid Expenses		
Other Current Assets		
Total Current Assets	(A)	
Fixed Assets:		
Land		
Building(s)		
Furniture & Fixtures		
Vehicles		
Equipment		
Other Assets		
Total Fixed Assets	(B)	
Total Assets	(A+B)	
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Bank Indebtedness		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities		
Income Tax Payable		
Other expenses		
Total Current Liabilities	(C)	
Long Term Debt:		
Mortgage		
Loans from Shareholders		
Other Long Term Debt		
Total Long Term Debt	(D)	
tal Liabilities	(C+D)	
areholders' or Owners' Equity	(E)	
tal Liabilities + Shareholders' or Owners' Equity	(C+D+E)	





#### Break-even point

What is the break-even point? It is the point where revenues and expenses are equal or it is the level of sales at which profit is zero. In other words, the break-even point is the point at which your product stops costing you money to produce and sell, and starts to generate a profit for your company.

The break-even point is the point at which the company neither makes a profit nor suffers a loss; essentially, they are spending what they make. No one opens a business with the hopes of just breaking even! All entrepreneurs want a return on the time and money they've invested into their business, as well as the risks that they have taken. Therefore, they hope to make a profit. Thus, it is very important to use this work tool when you are at the planning stage of your business.

In order to determine the break-even point, an entrepreneur must first know the selling price of the product, the costs that change directly in proportion to the product sold (variable costs), as well as the other current expenses of the business (fixed costs).

Below are the steps to use to determine the break-even point on a monetary basis:

Step 1 - Categorize your costs	
Using your most recent income sta and add up the total for each categ	tements, categorize your costs in <b>fixed</b> or <b>variable</b> costs gory.
Total Net Sales =	
Total Variable Costs =	
Total Fixed Costs =	
,	of variable costs  Dilar of sales used to cover variable costs?"  = Total Variable Costs = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =
"What is the percentage of each do Percentage of Variable Costs  Step 3 - Calculate the contribution	Total Net Sales   Total Net Sales



Step	o 4 -	Calculate	the	volume of	sales	required	to	break	even
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"How much money must you earn to cover your fixed costs?"	
Volume of Sales Required to Break Even =	

**Note:** To calculate the volume of sales required to generate the intended profit, add the intended profit to your total fixed costs and divide this amount by your contribution margin.

# Step 5 - Verify your calculations

"Does the volume of sales you just calculated allow you to break even or generate the profits you intended?"

Volume of sales required to break even =

Minus Variable Costs \* -

Equals Contribution =

Minus Fixed Costs -

Equals Profit =

\*To determine this amount, multiply the break-even point (above) by the percentage of variable costs from Step 2.





1. Enclose the necessary attachments, those that support your business plan and that will help you in selling your idea.

### Here are some examples:

- Resume
- Certificate and/or diploma
- Letter of intent from potential customers
- Letter of interest from providers
- Data from the market study
- Results of a survey of potential customers
- Product literature and brochures
- Business operating license
- Zoning certificate
- Shareholders or partnership agreement
- Last three years of financials
- Last three years of Balance Sheet
- Other relevant documents
- $\sqrt{}$  Make sure you have included all necessary documents to support your plan.
- $\sqrt{}$  Make sure you have included all items to support your assumptions, trends and comparisons.





- 1. Explanation: you must enter the total (and not monthly) allocated amount of the line of credit in this field.
- 2. Explanation: the anticipated salaries/wages must be on a monthly basis.
- 3. Explanation: the projected benefits can be estimated at 12% of the "Salaries/wages" column.
- 4. Explanation: the numbers stated take into account your anticipated potential sales from page 8 (exercise 9).
- 5. Explanation: the numbers stated take into account your anticipated gross profit margin from all of your products and services sold on page 14 (exercise 5).
- 6. Explanation: the monthly cash in takes into account the rates entered on page 9 (exercise 7).
- 7. Explanation: this line adds up the two numbers from page 4 (the insurance for the address of the proposed location and the insurance for professional advisors).
- 8. Explanation: the expenses from this line only refer to the rental equipment from page 16. If there are other equipment related expenses, please add them in the "Other expenses" field on page 16.
- 9. Explanation: the professional fees (legal) add together the legal and expert advisors from page 4 (exercise 7).
- 10. Explanation: this represents the total monthly payment for the source of funds (page 13, exercise 1).
- 11. Explanation: these "Other" expenses refer to page 4 (exercise 5).
- 12. Explanation: these "Other" expenses refer to the sum of the other expenses presented on page 16.
- 13. Explanation: the sales from the second year can be indexed at 10% in comparison with the first year.
- 14. Explanation: the cost of goods sold in the second year can be indexed at 10% in comparison with the first year.
- 15. Explanation: the cash in from the second year ca be indexed at 10% in comparison with the first year.

