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## BUSINESS FINANCIAL AWARENESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Revenue Analysis:	Do you conduct regular quarterly reviews of your revenue streams to understand which are the most profitable and sustainable?	YES	NO
Cost of Goods Sold (COGS):	Are you able to accurately calculate the direct costs associated with the production of the goods or services your business sells?	YES	NO
Gross Margin	Do you know your gross margin and how it compares to industry benchmarks?	YES	NO
Operating Expenses:	Do you have a clear understanding of your operating expenses and their trends over time?	YES	NO
Emergency Funds:	Do you have a business emergency fund for unforeseen expenses?	YES	NO
Profitability Ratios:	Do you analyze profitability ratios (e.g., gross profit margin, net profit margin) to assess your business's financial health?	YES	NO
Cash Flow Management:	Is your business maintaining a consistent cash flow positive status?	YES	NO
Financial Confidence:	Are you confident in the financial decisions being made for your business?	YES	NO
Tax Planning:	Are you proactive in tax planning to minimize liabilities and take advantage of potential savings?	YES	NO
Financial Planning:	Do you have a financial plan that includes budget forecasts, financial goals, and strategies for growth?	YES	NO

#### SCORING GUIDE

8-10 "Yes" Answers: You have a strong grasp of your business's financial health. Continual learning and adjustment can further optimize your profitability.

5-7 "Yes" Answers: You're on the right track, but there are significant opportunities to improve your understanding and management of your financials.

0-4 "Yes" Answers: It's crucial to deepen your understanding of your P&L to guide your business towards financial stability and growth.





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# TIPS FOR IMPROVING

Business Financial Awareness









#### **REVENUE ANALYSIS:**

Break down your revenue by product or service line to identify high performers and underperformers. This can help in reallocating resources to maximize profitability.

#### OPTIMIZING COGS:

Review supplier contracts and production processes for cost-saving opportunities. Even small efficiencies can lead to significant cost reductions over time.

#### IMPROVING GROSS MARGIN:

Compare your gross margin to industry averages. If it's lower, consider strategies such as price adjustments or cost reduction efforts.

#### MANAGING OPERATING EXPENSES:

Categorize your expenses to identify any areas of overspending. Regularly reviewing these can help keep costs in check and improve net profit margins.

#### EMERGENCY FUND

Reduce expenses and begin a habit of putting some money into a reserve account for emergencies.

#### CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT:

Implement a robust cash flow forecasting process to anticipate and manage liquidity needs. This can help prevent cash shortages and support smoother operational flows.

#### FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE

Educate yourself on understanding a P&L and seek assistance from a reliable and effective coach.

#### TAX EFFICIENCY

Work with a tax professional to identify tax planning strategies that can reduce your taxable income and save money.

FINANCIAL PLANNING:

Do you have a financial plan that includes budget forecasts, financial goals, and strategies for growth?

### NEXT STEPS:

#### Schedule a Discovery Call

If you're uncertain about your business's financial health or want to explore strategies for improvement, let's connect. Book a discovery call with me, and we can discuss how a financial coach can help your business thrive.