

# Set Up Your Business (Legal, Financial, and Pricing)

## 1. Business Information

- Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., PixelCraft Studio)
- Domain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., pixelcraftstudio.com)
- Tagline: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Creative Websites for Modern Brands)
- Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your full name)
- Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., hello@pixelcraftstudio.com)
- Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., +1 234-567-8901)
- Website URL (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., [www.pixelcraftstudio.com](http://www.pixelcraftstudio.com))

## 2. Choosing Your Business Structure

Choose your preferred business structure:

- Sole Proprietorship Low cost, simple to set up, but personal assets are at risk.
- LLC (Limited Liability Company): Moderate cost, protects personal assets, ideal for freelancers and small agencies.
- Corporation: High cost, attracts investors, suitable for larger agencies

Why did you choose this structure? (Briefly explain why this option works best for your business)

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### 3. Legal Setup Checklist

Complete these steps to legally establish your business and protect your assets.

- Register Your Business Name:
  - Name chosen: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., PixelCraft Studio)
  - Domain availability checked: [ ] Yes [ ] No
- Get an EIN (Employer Identification Number):
  - Applied via IRS website: [ ] Yes [ ] No
  - EIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 12-3456789)
- Open a Business Bank Account:
  - Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Chase Bank)
  - Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Confidential)
- Get Business Insurance:
  - Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Hiscox)

- Coverage Type: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., General Liability, Professional Liability)
- Monthly Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$30/month)

## 4. Business Plan Essentials

Outline your vision and goals to guide your business strategy.

### Vision Statement

What is your business's vision? (e.g., *To be the leading web design agency for local businesses seeking fast, SEO-optimized websites*)

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### Short-Term Goals (6 months)

(Specific and measurable objectives such as *"Land 10 e-commerce clients through LinkedIn outreach"*)

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### Long-Term Goals (2 years)

(Where you want to be in 2 years such as *"Build a portfolio of 50 clients and earn \$100k annually"*)

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### Competitor Analysis

Main competitors in your niche:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Service Offerings & Pricing

List the services you plan to offer and their pricing to attract clients.

### Core Services:

- Website Design & Development: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$2,500 - \$10,000 per project)
- UX & UI Design: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$1,500 - \$5,000 per project)
- SEO Services: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$300 - \$1,500 per month)
- E-commerce Solutions: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$3,000 - \$10,000 per project)

### Additional Services:

- Maintenance & Support: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$50 - \$150 per month)
- Managed Hosting & Domain Services: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$50 - \$150 per month)
- Graphic Design & Branding: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$500 - \$3,000 per project)
- Content Creation & Marketing: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$300 - \$1,000 per month)

## 6. Financial Planning

Plan your budget and estimate your financial needs to keep your business profitable.

### Estimated Expenses:

- Software & Tools: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$500/month for design and SEO tools)
- Marketing & Promotion: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$300/month for social media ads)
- Legal & Accounting: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$100/month for bookkeeping)
- Miscellaneous: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$50/month for training and certifications)

### Income Projections:

- Yearly Revenue Target: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$80,000)
- Monthly Revenue Target: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., \$6,700)

## 7. Pricing Models

Select the pricing model(s) you plan to use and explain your choice.

- Hourly Pricing: Good for small tasks and consultations.
- Project-Based Pricing: Ideal for complete website builds.

- Monthly Retainers: Best for ongoing support and maintenance.
- Value-Based Pricing: Charge based on the value you deliver.

**Why did you choose this model?**

*(e.g., "Project-based pricing ensures predictable income while allowing for flexibility in complex projects")*

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**8. Additional Notes**

Anything else you want to document or remember?

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