

**What business entity are you?**

- Sole Proprietorship
  - Single owner
- Partnership
  - Ownership between two or more persons
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
  - Separation of person and business
  - Protects personal assets
- S-Corporation
  - Taxes flow to the shareholders
  - Does not pay its own federal income tax
- C-Corporation
  - Double taxation: Entity and shareholders pay taxes separately

**Retirement Savings Options**

- If you're an owner/operator:
  - Traditional/Roth IRA
  - SEP IRA
  - Solo 401(k)
- If you have employees:
  - 401(k)
  - Simple IRA

*(Note that these aren't the only options available, but these are the most common.)*

**How to Pay Yourself:**

- Salary
  - Provides consistent personal income, but relies on company profits
- Owner's Draw
  - Take excess funds as needed
- Dividends (for corporations)
  - Taxed at a lower rate compared to regular income
- Bonuses
- Profit Distributions (for partnerships & LLCs)
  - Distributes profits based on ownership percentages

**Organize & Track Your Finances**

- Separate personal financial activity from your business' financial activity
- Learn how it works, then hire someone to do it for you. Focus on your business!
  - Some software recommendations:
    - Intuit Quickbooks
    - Xero
    - Wave Accounting (*Free*)

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