

The Business Plan

A business plan will help you turn your idea into a business; it needs you to think over all the parts of your business in order to organise how everything will work.

Getting Started

Business and owner details
Business Name
Owner (s) Name
Business address and postcode
Business Telephone Number
Business email address
Home address and postcode (if different from above)
Home telephone number (if different from above)
Home email address (if different from above)



Business Summary

Business Summary	
Business Aims	
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Financial Summary	



Owners Background

Why do you want to run your own business?
Previous work experience:
Qualifications and education:
Training undertaken
Details of future training courses you want to complete
Hobbies and interests
Additional information



Products and services

What are you going to sell? A product or a service?
Describe the basic product/service you are going to sell.
Describe the different types of product/service you are going to be selling
If you are not going to sell all your products/services at the start of the business, explain why not and when you will start selling them.
Additional information:



The Market

Are your customer's individuals or businesses?
Describe your typical customer:
Where are your customers based?
What prompts your customers to buy your products/service?
What factors help your customers choose which business to buy from?
Have you sold products/services to customers already?
Have you got customers waiting to buy your product/service?
Additional information



Marketing Strategy

What	are	you	going	to	do?
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How much will it cost?



Market Research

Key findings from desk research:
Key findings from field research – customer questionnaires:
Key findings from field research – test trading;
Additional information



Competitor Analysis

Name, location and business size
Product/service
Price
Strengths
Weaknesses



SWOT Analysis

Strengths	
Weaknesses	
Opportunities	
Threats	
Unique Selling Point (USP)	



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Operations and Logistics

Productio

n Delivery

Payment

Suppliers:

- Name and location
- Items required & prices
- Payment arrangements
- Reasons for choosing supplier

Premises

Equipment:

- Item required
- Already owned

If being bought:

- New or second
- hand Purchased
- from Price

Transport

Legal requirements

Insurance Requirements

Management and staff

Additional information



Costs and pricing strategy

Product/service name
Number of units in calculation
Product/service components
Components cost
Total product/service cost
Cost per unit
Profit margin (£)
Price ore unit
Profit margin (%)
Mark up (%)