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**Long Haul Trucker/OTR Driver
Deductible Expenses Worksheet**

Not filing your income tax return can get you into serious trouble with the IRS. If you don't file for one year, the odds are you are not going to file for the next year, the next year, and so on. Suddenly you haven't filed for several years, and now you are afraid to contact the IRS and resolve this. The good news is that typically, the IRS is more interested in getting delinquent taxpayers back into the habit of filing their returns and getting past due returns filed. Non-filers usually do not have to worry about going to jail.

But, it is best to file the omitted returns before the IRS contacts you. Even if you cannot pay back taxes, filing is much better than not filing. Once you have filed your past due returns, the IRS will gladly set up payment options for you. You might find that they are surprisingly lenient. If you feel you have a reasonable reason for not filing your past due returns, discuss this with them and try to get any penalties waived. However, the interest cannot be waived and you will have to pay that.

This worksheet is to help you organize your tax deductible business expenses. For an expense to be deductible, it must be considered an "ordinary and necessary" expense. You may include other applicable expenses. Do not include expenses for which you have been reimbursed, expect to be reimbursed, or that are reimbursable.

This information has been made available to assist you in keeping and organizing records of your allowable deductible expenses. Trucking Careers of America LLC does not proclaim to be tax experts nor are we in the business of tax preparation. Information provided is intended only to present examples of the types of deductions OTR drivers are allowed and to provide you with a worksheet to record the costs of these items.

You may wish to change or add categories to customize this worksheet for your individual purposes and needs. We recommend that you keep all of your receipts, record the appropriate information on your worksheet, and include your worksheet with your other documents that you give to your Tax Preparer. Remember that the fees you pay to your Tax Preparer are also a deduction.

Click on the link at the bottom of this worksheet for an explanation of many of the categories listed on the worksheet.

Out of Town Travel Expenses		Miscellaneous Expenses	
Shipping/Postage		Business Cards/Stationary	
Bath/Shower		Shipping/Delivery/Postage	
Car Rental & Gas		Testing-Job Related	
Laundry/Laundry Supplies/Cleaning		Insurance-Business	
Locker Fees		Legal & Professional Svcs.	
Lodging		Secretarial Services	
Meals (Actual Cost)		Office Expense/Supplies	
Meals & Entertainment		Safety Glasses	

Parking & Tolls	
Transportation/Air Fare/Bus/Train	
Mileage	
Gifts	
Taxi, Commuter Bus, Shuttles	
Telephone/Fax	
Tips	
Toiletries	
Other	
Other	
Other	
Owner Operator Truck Expenses	
Description of Truck	
Date Placed in Service	
Odometer-Beginning of Year	
Odometer-End of Year	
Interest Paid	
Gas, Lube, Oil	
Repairs & Maintenance	
Tires	
Insurance	
License/Registration Fee	
Other	
Dues * Fees * Subscriptions	
Union Dues	
Travel Card Fees (Discount Programs)	
Trade Association Dues	
Security Bond	
License/Permits/Fees	
Educational Expenses	
Gifts	
Trade Magazines	
Tolls & Scales	
Broker Fees	
Factoring Fees	

Equipment Repairs (Office)	
Rent-Eqpmnt/Office/Etc.	
Home Office Expense	
Contract Labor	
Other	
Supplies	
Back Supporter	
Flashlight & Batteries	
Cellular Phone	
Appliances	
Citizens Band Radio	
Weather Receiver	
Uniforms & Maintenance	
Cold Weather Clothing/Boots	
Compass/GPS	
Fire Extinguisher	
First Aid Kit	
Cleaning Materials	
Safety Boots/Shoes	
Radio	
Internet Card/DSL	
Flares	
Glasses-Safety & Sun	
Tools & Equipment	
Seat Cushion	
Ice Chest/Thermos	
Map/Map Book	
Bedding	
Other	
Other	

[Click here for descriptions of many of the above deductions](#)