Tax Deductions for Actors, Artists & Content Creators

Please note that if you are classified as a W-2 employee, you will not be able to deduct these expenses.
Reimbursed expenses are not deductible.
Section 6 is for any additional Content Creation expenses

Name:

1 — CONTINUING EDUCATION	
Coaching / Acting / Dance Lessons	
Voice Training	
Taping	
Special Skill Training	
Research (Tickets, TV Subs.)	
Other	

2 — PROMOTIONAL / MARKETING	
Taping & Videos	
Business Cards	
Reel Editing	
Mailing & Postage	
Photos & Portfolio Expense	
Website & Hosting Costs	
Printing (Scripts, Photos, etc.)	
Other	

3 — TRAVEL	
Audition Travel (miles)	
Business Meetings (miles)	
Out of Town Business Trips (miles)	
Parking Fees & Tolls	
Airfare	
Car Rental	
Taxi / Rideshare	
Lodging (not incl. meals)	
Meals (not incl. lodging) *Business meals are generally only 50% deductible.*	
Wifi Fees (while traveling)	
Rent (while traveling)	
Other	

4 — EQUIPMENT EXPENSES	
Audio Systems	
Camera, Mic's, Video Equipment	
Self-Tape Setup (lighting, backdrop, tripod, ring light)	
Editing / Creative Software (Adobe CC, Final Draft, etc.)	
Telephone / Landline	
Computers / Laptops / Printers	
Musical Instruments	
Office Furniture	
Other	

5 — SUPPLIES & OTHER MISC. EXPENSES	
Wardrobe (cleaning / altering)	
Costumes / Wardrobe (special, role-specific)	
Agent / Manager Commission	
Gifts ($25 max per person)	
Union Dues	
Casting Platform Subscriptions (Actors Access, Backstage, etc.)	
Makeup / Manicure (for projects)	
Business Meals	
Office Supplies	
Props / Supplies for Stunts	
Rents (costumes, equipment)	
Storage Unit Rental	
Bookkeeping, Taxes, etc.	
Legal & Professional Fees	
Business Insurance (liability / E&O)	
Bank & Merchant Fees (PayPal, Venmo, etc.)	
Subscriptions (Zoom, Cast, etc.)	
Internet	
Health Insurance	
Therapy (role support)	
Retirement Contributions (SEP IRA / Solo 401(k))	
Other	

6 — CONTENT CREATOR / DIGITAL MEDIA ADD-ON

Additional content creation expenses.

Creator Software (editing, scheduling, analytics)	
Platform Fees / Revenue-Share (Patreon, Cameo, etc.)	
Sponsorship / Brand Deal Contract Review	
Studio / Filming Space Rental	
Backdrops, Props & Set Design	
Giveaway & Contest Costs	
Paid Social Promotion / Ad Spend	
VA / Editor / Thumbnail Designer Fees	
Merchandise	
Stock Photos, Music & Licensing	
Other	

7 — BUSINESS USE OF CELL PHONE

Only the business-use portion is deductible.

Monthly cell phone bill ______________________

Est. % used for business ______________________

10 — ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS

Estimated Quarterly Tax Payments:

	Amount	Date Paid
Q1		
Q2		
Q3		
Q4		

Additional Notes:

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8 — HOME OFFICE

Do you use a set area in your home as your studio/office?

Sq. ft. of studio/office ______________________

Sq. ft. of entire home ______________________

Business use % ______________________

Studio/Office Expenses:

Rent	
Mortgage Interest	
Real Estate Taxes	
Condo / HOA Fees	
Insurance	
Repairs	
Utilities (electricity, water, gas, etc.)	
Other Home Expenses	

9 — BUSINESS USE OF VEHICLE

Please enter both business miles and actual vehicle expenses, if available — we'll determine which method gives the greater deduction (subject to IRS eligibility rules).

☐ **Standard Mileage Rate** ☐ **Actual Expense Method**

Do you lease your vehicle? ______________________

Vehicle description ______________________

Date placed in service ______________________

Mileage (all fields required):

Business miles ______________________

Commuting miles ______________________

Personal miles ______________________

Actual Expenses Paid:

Gasoline ______________________

Repairs ______________________

Tires ______________________

Auto Insurance ______________________

Registration Fees ______________________

Vehicle Loan Interest ______________________