

Home-based Business Checklist

Trying to decide whether a home-based business is right for you? This checklist summarizes all the aspects of starting a home-based business that you should consider. Be sure to take a hard look at your neighborhood, your house, and your personal circumstances to determine if you could run your business successfully out of your home. You may also want to get a second opinion; ask a friend to do an appraisal for you using the checklist and compare the answers.

	Yes	No
I work well without supervision.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't mind being alone for long stretches of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am self-motivated and self-disciplined.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am confident and enthusiastic about my home-based business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I find it easy to manage my own time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Success depends on wanting something, willpower and personal discipline and I have these three qualities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting personal goals and planning how to achieve them is important and I do this regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I enjoy giving my best to everything I do; successfully completing a job gives me a feeling of satisfaction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am not afraid to work hard and for long hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can do several things at the same time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I find unexpected situations stimulating, especially when I'm organized and know what I'm doing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't mind taking risks or facing uncertainty.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have discussed my home-based business plans with my family members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family understands how important my business goals are to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family is supportive of my home-based business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My neighborhood allows home-based businesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My neighborhood has a suitable location for my home-based business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My neighborhood is attractive.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have good relationships with my neighbors - and will continue to do so if I start a home-based business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My property is attractive and well-maintained at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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My property has adequate parking for my home-based business's clients/customers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My home-based business activities will not disturb my neighbors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visitors can get to my home-based business office without going through my entire house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My house has a business office area suitable to my home-based business's needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My house has all the facilities I need for my home-based business, such as a shop or consulting room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered an unqualified "yes" to all the questions, starting a home-based business is exactly what you should do. In fact, I'm surprised you haven't started one already! You're obviously entrepreneurial and are living in a home that's ideally suited to running a home-based business.

If you weren't able to answer some of the questions, hopefully this checklist has given you a better idea of the things you need to research, change, or think about more deeply before you start a home-based business of your own.