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A 20-POINT CHECKLIST FOR
BUSINESS OWNERS



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FINANCIAL PREPARATION

INTRODUCTION

Selling your business is a significant decision that requires careful planning and consideration. This checklist is designed to help you assess your readiness to sell and identify areas that may need attention before you move forward. Use this 20-point checklist to evaluate your financial, operational, and personal preparedness.



1) Current Financial Records

- Are your financial statements (profit and loss, balance sheet) current and accurate?



2) Tax Compliance

- Are all of your business taxes filed and up to date?



3) Revenue Trends

- Have you analyzed your revenue trends over the past few years?



4) Asset Valuation

- Have you valued your business assets (equipment, inventory, property)?



5) Outstanding Debts

- Do you have a clear understanding of your outstanding debts and liabilities?



6) Profit Margins

- Are you aware of trends in your profit margins? Are you able to explain what caused increases and decreases?



7) Financial Projections

- Do you have realistic financial projections for the next few years?



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OPERATIONAL PREPARATION



8) Business Processes

- Are your business processes documented and efficient?



9) Employee Roles

- Do you have clear job descriptions and responsibilities for all employees?



10) Customer Relationships

- Are your relationships with key customers strong and well-documented?



11) Supplier Contracts

- Are your supplier contracts current and favorable?



12) Legal Compliance

- Are you in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations?



13) Technology Systems

- Are your technology systems (software, hardware) up to date and secure?



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PERSONAL PREPARATION



14) Personal Goals

- Have you clearly defined your personal goals for life after the sale?



15) Family Considerations

- Have you discussed the potential sale with your family and considered their input?



16) Emotional Preparedness

- Are you emotionally ready to part with your business?



17) Retirement Planning

- Do you have a retirement plan or next steps in place?



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MARKET PREPARATION



18) Market Conditions

- Have you analyzed the current market conditions for selling businesses in your industry?



19) Competitive Analysis

- Are you aware of your competitors' recent sales or market activity?



20) Business Valuation

- Have you had a professional valuation done to understand your business's worth?

CONCLUSION

This checklist is a starting point for determining your readiness to sell your business. If you find that you need more information or assistance, consider consulting with a business broker, financial advisor, or legal expert to help guide you through the process.

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