

Use these official links and resources to learn **how to start a home business** — one possible way to start on your path to independence and financial security. Don't forget you can receive free or low-cost training and **free professional business advice**, from [your local Small Business Development Center!](#)

[Get started with **Your Free Business Plan** from our Business Plans page.](#)

Getting Started with a Home Business

- [Home Business Expert](#) - Recent articles on small business disciplines by Jim Blasingame, SBA's 2002 Small Business Journalist of the Year, plus expert contributions who make up the "Brain Trust."
- [SOHO America](#) - "Small Office Home Office" provides Marketing, Finance, Legal, Start-up and Technology with articles written by consultants, authors, and business wire stories and supplemented by related web sites.
- [Franchises](#) - the top 500, fastest growing, low cost, and top 10 home business ideas from the creators of Entrepreneur.com.
- [Business Toolbox](#) - includes targeted articles on insurance, crisis management, taxes, staffing, e-commerce, and marketing from the National Federation for Independent Business.
- [Working Solo](#) - FAQ checklist on starting a solo business; links on office design, marketing, computers, PR, finance and taxes.
- [Home Based Business ... Is it For Me?](#) - Learn about several factors to consider when starting a home business.
- [Starting a Business in Your Home: Weighing the Pros and Cons](#) - Consider these factors before you begin a home business.
- [How to Set Up a Home Based Business](#) - Checklist of things to do when starting a home based business.
- [Zoning Laws for Home Based Businesses](#) - Learn how your local government's zoning ordinances may affect your home-based business.

Sample Business Plan for Home Business

- [Business Plan for Home Based Businesses](#) - Provides a comprehensive approach to developing a business plan for a home based business.

Help for Women Starting a Home-based Business

- [Working Moms](#) - Support for the HBWM or home-based working mom with an association, online community connection, bookstore and opportunities.
- [Working Moms Refuge](#) - Offers tips on how to juggle both lives and career; tips and other resources

Tax Information on Home-based Businesses

- [Small Business Self-Employed One-Stop Resource](#)
Official IRS gateway to tax info for small business owners.
- [Business Use of Your Home](#)
Learn about deducting expenses for business use of your home.
- [Business Expenses and Tax Deductions](#)
Learn how to deduct business expenses on your income taxes.
- [Social Security Guide for the Self-Employed](#)
Information on how to report your earnings.

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