

## Expense checklist for: **Photography**

Before starting taxes, review this list of deductible expenses. Highlight those you had and then begin gathering any receipts or statements that show how much you spent on each category. You can also attach this list to your tax-prep folder and check off items as you add documents.



### **Recommended for you** (Many in your line of work claim these expenses)

- Assets**  
Larger purchases, usually over \$200, that you'll use for more than a year.
- Supplies**  
Includes everyday work supplies that you purchase often.
- Advertising**  
Money you spent promoting your business.
- Business insurance**  
Includes business, retail, and liability coverage.
- Business travel**  
Includes airfare, hotels, and other business travel expenses.
- Car and equipment rental**  
Includes rentals from services like HyreCar, Lyft Express Drive and Uberxchange.
- Home office**  
Expenses for the area of your home you use exclusively for work.
- Inventory**  
Includes merchandise, raw materials, and finished or unfinished products not yet sold.
- Legal and professional fees**  
Includes legal or professional fees, bills, or business licenses.
- Meals (100% limit)**  
Includes meals for employees, the public, or meals that are part of a service (like daycare).
- Meals (50% limit)**  
Includes meals for individual business travel or networking events.
- Office expenses**  
Includes furniture, cleaning, shipping costs, and more.
- Taxes and licenses**  
Includes sales or business tax, and industry licenses.
- Vehicle and mileage**  
Expenses for vehicles that you owned and used for work.
- Other miscellaneous expenses**  
Expenses that may be hard to categorize.

### **Less common** (Sometimes claimed by people in Photography)

- Building or land rental**  
Includes building, land, or space rental for your business. This is rent paid for property used for work only, not for an office in your home.
- Commissions**  
Commissions you paid others who are not employees.
- Communications**  
Includes internet, phone bills, and other tech services.
- Contract labor**  
Includes subcontractor payments and other contract-labor expenses.
- Credit card, loan, and other interest**  
Interest paid on work credit cards and other lines of credit.
- Health insurance premiums**  
Can include premiums for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Long-term care insurance**  
Can include premiums for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Mortgage interest**  
Interest paid for property used for work only, not for an office in your home.
- Repairs and maintenance**  
Expenses that keep your property and equipment in good condition.
- Utilities**  
Includes utility services for your separate office space.