18 SIGNS YOUR BOOKS NEED A CLEAN-UP



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Keeping accurate financial records is crucial for any business, not just for maintaining a clear financial picture but also to stay compliant with tax regulations. According to the IRS, proper record-keeping is essential for substantiating income, expenses, and credits during audits. Neglecting your books can lead to costly mistakes and potential penalties.

Here are 18 signs your books need a clean-up

Ensure all bank accounts are reconciled up to the current month.
 Aged Receivables and Payables: Review the

Bank Reconciliations:

 Aged Receivables and Payables: Review the aging reports for receivables and payables to ensure they

are up-to-date.

period.

Revenue Recording: Ensure

all revenue is recorded in

Reconcile Credit Card

Statements: Make sure all

credit card accounts are

reconciled.

 Uncleared Checks and Deposits: Review checks and deposits that have not cleared for an extended

the correct period.

 Payroll Entries: Ensure payroll entries are accurate and up-to-date. Accurate Expenses
Categorization: Verify that
all expenses are correctly
categorized

Journal Entries: Check for

any incorrect or missing

journal entries.

Fixed Assets and

Depreciation: Verify that

Uncategorized Transactions:

Check for and categorize any

transactions marked as

"uncategorized."

Duplicate Entries: Look for

and eliminate any duplicate

transactions.

- fixed assets are recorded and depreciation is accounted for correctly.

 Sales Tax: Check if sales tax
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- Loans and Liabilities: Verify that all loans and liabilities are accurately recorded and reconciled..
- Owner's Draws and
 Contributions: Ensure
 owner's draws and
 contributions are properly
 recorded.
- Equity Accounts: Review equity accounts for accuracy.
- Financial Statements:
 Compare financial
 statements to ensure
 accuracy and consistency
 across periods.
- Compliance: Check for compliance with any regulatory requirements specific to your industry.
- Backup Records: Ensure all records are backed up and securely stored.
- Regularly reviewing these items will help maintain clean and accurate books, preventing future issues and facilitating smoother audits and tax filings.



Thank you!

If you've identified any of these issues in your own records, it's time to act. Cleaning up your books can be a complex and time-consuming task, and mistakes can be costly. Don't go it alone. Reach out to Acctsage, a qualified accounting firm that can ensure your books are accurate, compliant, and upto-date. Contact us today and let our experts handle the heavy lifting, so you can focus on what you do best—running your business

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