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Things to keep in mind when becoming self-employed

1.



**Register yourself
with HM revenue &
customs:**

Get ready to manage taxes and national insurance contributions (NIC) by yourself, however, before proceeding with the taxes, self employed individuals must ensure that they register with HM revenue & customs first.

2.



**Set up a business
account**

Keep in mind that separating your business and personal finances is a very important step you have to take in order to avoid future confusions between your business taxes and personal taxes. You take the first step in this direction by opening a separate business account.

3.



**Gain credibility by
registering for VAT**

Your business is liable to register for VAT, if your annual turn over or expected turnover exceeds £85000. However, acquiring a VAT number raises your business's credibility, so register with VAT even if your business is not liable to.

4.



**Keep your books
updated**

Your business should possess accurate and clear records of its finances, you may consider hiring an accountant, as a professional accountant on board will ensure that you carry on with your primary business operations and keep your paperwork up to date, whilst you stay compliant with the legal system.

5.



**Ensure proper
insurance of your
business**

Starting your business, you should set specific insurance policies for yourself and your employees. The types of insurance cover you need to take primarily depends upon the nature of your business and the industry your business is working in.