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Post-Tax Financial Reset Checklist (2025 → 2026)

Use this checklist to reset, refocus, and plan proactively for the year ahead.

1. Review 2025 Performance

- Compare actual income vs expectations
- Identify unexpected tax liabilities
- Evaluate missed deductions or credits
- Document key surprises and causes

What surprised you in your 2025 results? What needs to change going forward?

Action Items

2. Assess Cash Flow

- Confirm liquidity after tax payments
- Review accounts receivable aging
- Evaluate vendor payment timing
- Identify short-term cash gaps

What is currently putting pressure on cash flow? What needs to change?

Action Items

3. Update Payroll & Compensation

- Review owner compensation structure
- Evaluate bonus timing
- Assess fringe benefits strategy
- Align payroll with tax planning goals

Are there opportunities to improve tax efficiency through compensation?

Action Items

4. Clean Up Financial Records

- Address large year-end journal entries
- Clarify reclassifications
- Ensure bookkeeping is current
- Confirm financial reports are accurate

What issues in your books need to be corrected or improved?

Action Items

5. Begin 2026 Tax Planning

- Evaluate capital investment plans
- Consider income/expense timing strategies
- Monitor tax law changes
- Identify proactive tax opportunities

What actions can you take now to reduce future tax burden?

Action Items

6. Build Monthly Dashboard

- Track revenue vs targets
- Monitor cash position
- Review A/R and A/P aging
- Measure payroll % of revenue

What key metrics do you need visibility into each month?

Action Items

7. Establish Advisory Rhythm

- Schedule monthly financial reviews
- Implement cash flow forecasting
- Align payroll and tax strategy
- Plan quarterly strategy check-ins

What cadence of financial review will keep you on track?

Action Items
