DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader – Getting Started with Excel 2010

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About this document

This document details the steps required in install and run DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader with Microsoft Excel 2010.

The article concludes with a draft income tax calculation generated from the businesses income and expenditure.

Download and Install DIY Accounting

Go to your download link as supplied in your confirmation email. The download links are generated for each purchase. Check your email for your own link:

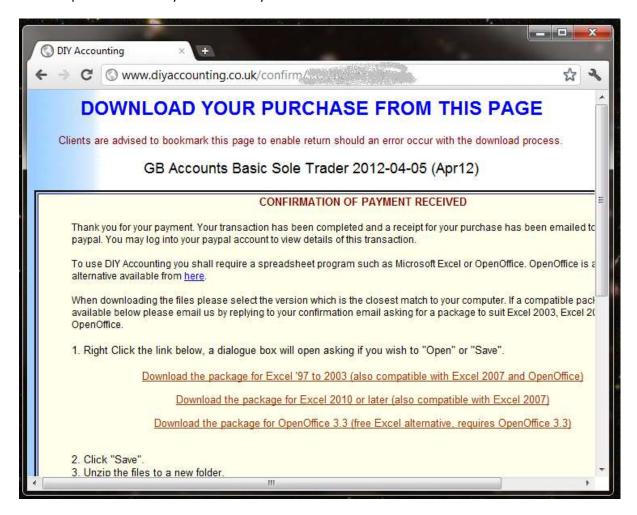


Figure 1 - Download and Install DIY Accounting - Basic Sole Trader

The middle link has the files in the native Microsoft Excel 2010 format. You can also use the Excel 2003 files with Microsoft Excel 2010.

Download the files by right clicking on "Download the package for Excel 2010...." and select "Save As"

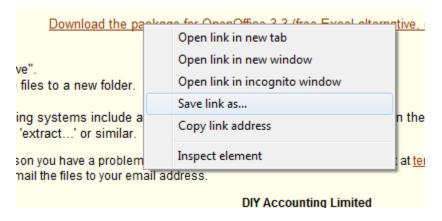


Figure 2 - Download and Install DIY Accounting - Save As

Pick a location to save the files, ideally somewhere under My Documents.

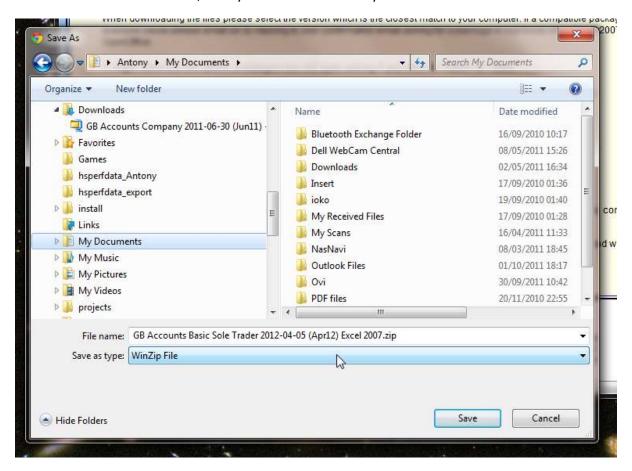


Figure 3 - Download and Install DIY Accounting - Select location

Click Save to start the download

Close the Browser window.

Open Explorer, navigate to my documents and locate the downloaded file.

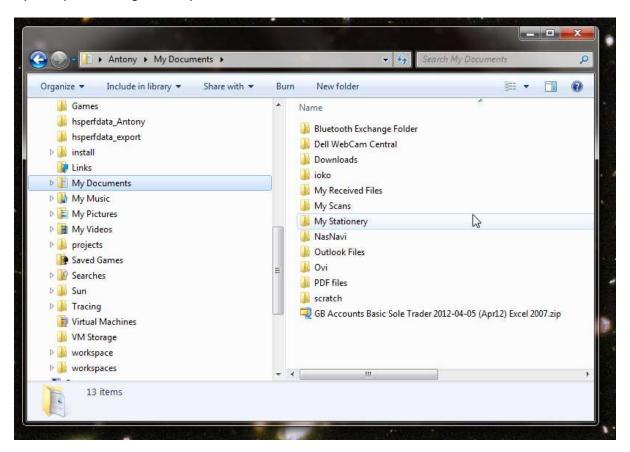


Figure 4 - Download and Install DIY Accounting - Zip file saved

Unzip the contents of the zip file to a new folder by right clicking on the zip file and selecting "Extract All..." You'll be promoted for a folder name. In the next section folder "DIY Basic Sole Trader" was used.

If you are unsure about zip files there is more information in a tutorial here: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/Compress-and-uncompress-files-zip-files

Start using DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader

Once the files are unzipped navigate to the folder they have been unzipped to in explorer and view the files in the folder:

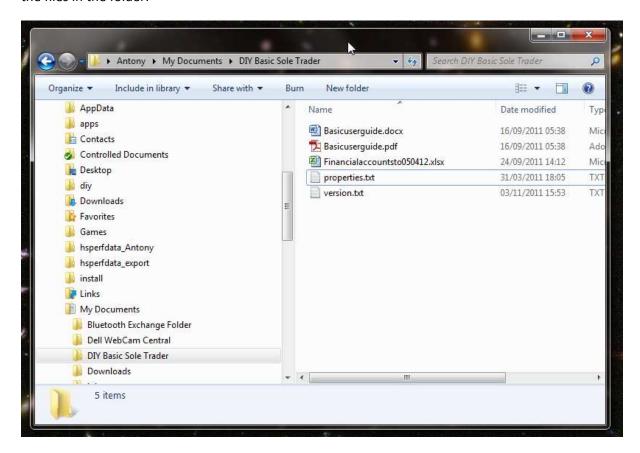


Figure 5 - Start using DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader - Package unzipped

Double click Financialaccounts050412 to Open the main accounts file in Excel 2010.

If double clicking doesn't work, right click Financialaccounts050412 and select Open with..., then select Microsoft Excel from the list.

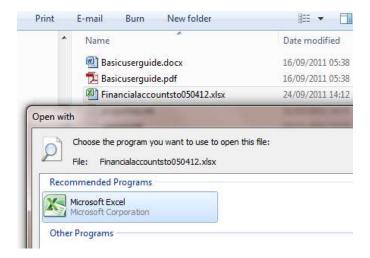


Figure 6 - Start using DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader - Open with

The financial accounts file should open.

Excel will initially open in Protected View as the files have been downloaded from the internet. Click "Enable Editing" so you can interact with the files.

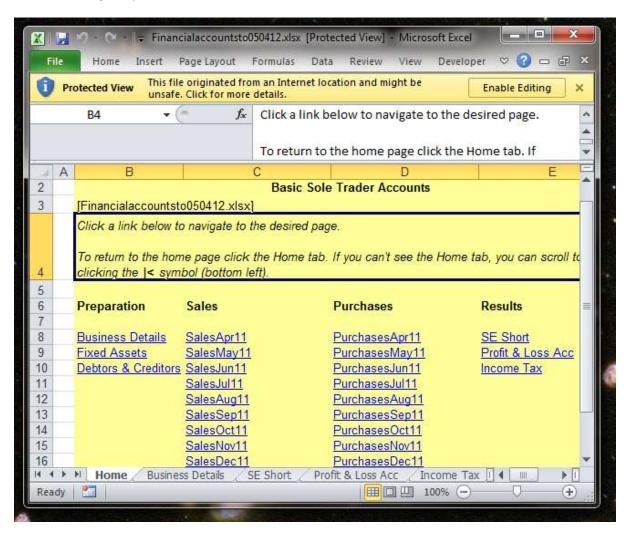


Figure 7 - Start using DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader - Enable Editing

The Protected View banner will disappear and the home page will be displayed with links to all the other pages. You can also navigate between sheets using the tabs along the bottom of the Excel window.

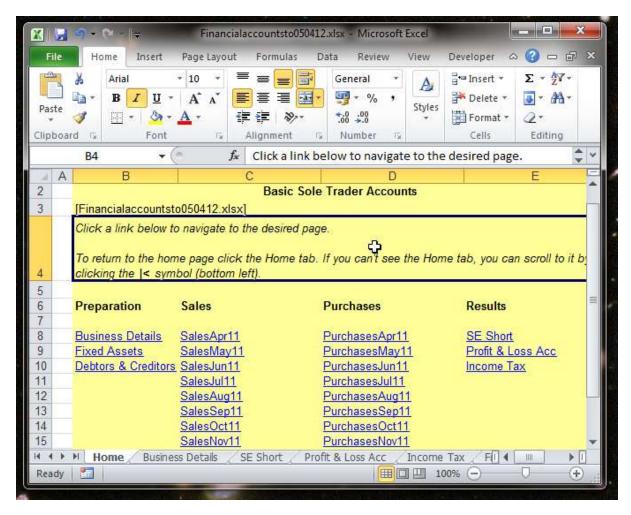


Figure 8 - Start using DIY Accounting Basic Sole Trader – Home page hyper links

A short video is available as demonstration of how to use hyperlinks in spreadsheets: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJHhb5S4ThQ

Entering First Sales and Purchases

Click the link for PurchasesApr11 (or use the tab along the bottom) to navigate to the first month's purchases sheet.

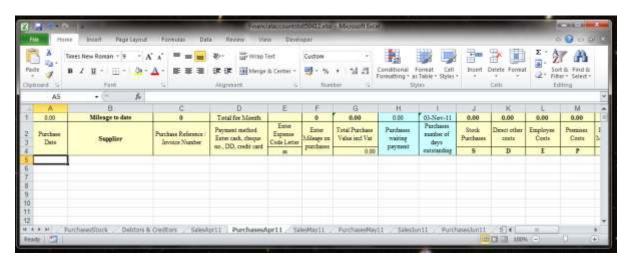


Figure 9 - Entering First Sales and Purchase - Purchases - Before entry

In the first month we'll buy £5000 worth of stock (purchase code S) and pay £500 in rent (purchase code P). Enter this data:

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Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > A5 : 06/04/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > B5 : Big Cheese Wholesale

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > D5 : Cash

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > E5 : S

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > G5 : 5000

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > A6 : 30/04/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > B6 : Village Retail Park

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > D6 : Cheque

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesApr11 > E6 : P

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The Purchases sheet should now look like this:

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Figure 10 - Entering First Sales and Purchase - Purchases - After entry

Either go back to the home page and click the link for SalesApr11 (or use the tab along the bottom) to navigate to the first month's sales sheet.

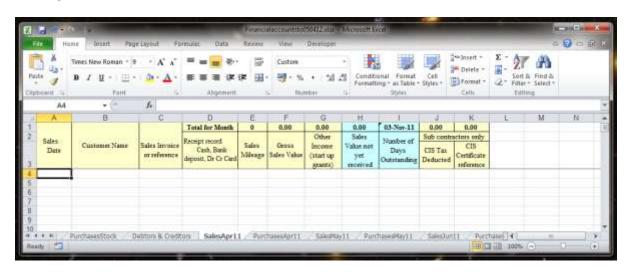


Figure 11 - Entering First Sales and Purchase - Sales - Before entry

In the first month we'll just trade for two weeks and to save time here, the weekly takings will be listed as just two entries of £1000. Enter this data:

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Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > A5 : 17/04/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > B5 : Cheese sales (wk3)

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > D5 : Cash

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > F5 : 1000

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > A6 : 24/04/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > B6 : Cheese sales (wk4)

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > D6 : Cash

Financialaccounts050412 > SalesApr11 > F6 : 1000
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The Sales sheet should now look like this:

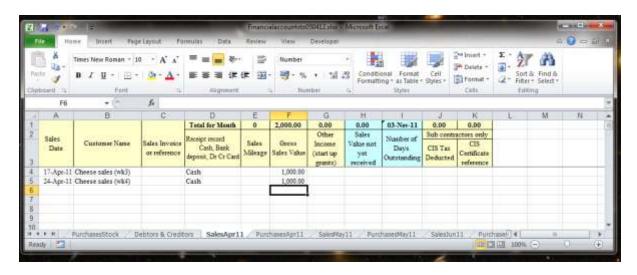


Figure 12- Entering First Sales and Purchase – Sales – After entry

First Stocktake

Not all the stock was sold in the first month so after a month end stock take we'll need to update the stock figures. Either go back to the home page and clicking the link for PurchasesStock (or use the tab along the bottom) to navigate to the PurchasesStock sheet.

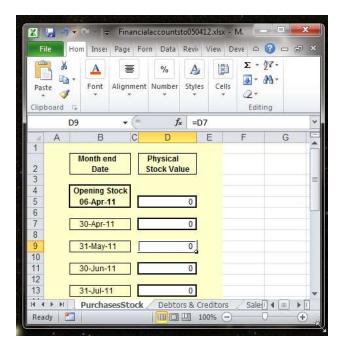


Figure 13 - First Stocktake - Before entry

We still have £4000 value of stock from Aprils purchases left so enter this in the stock sheet:

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesStock > D7 : 4000

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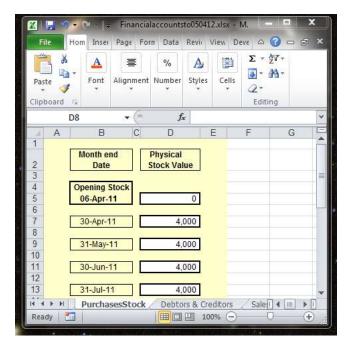


Figure 14 - First Stocktake – After entry

First Month End accounts

Check the Profit and Loss by either going back to the home page and click the link for Profit & Loss Acc (or use the tab along the bottom) to navigate to the Profit & Loss Acc sheet.

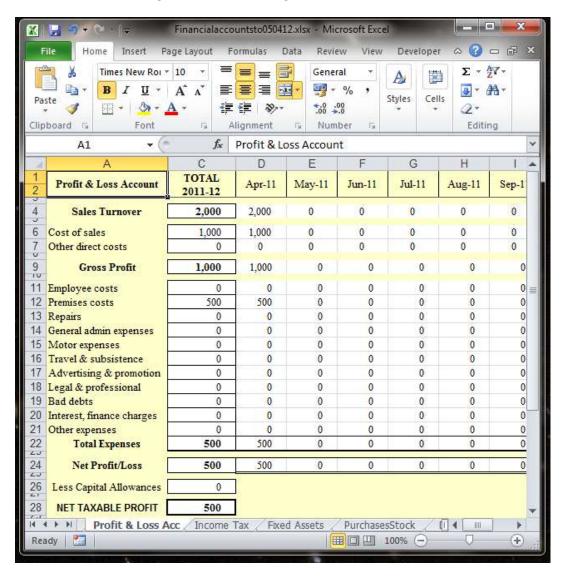


Figure 15 - First Month End accounts - Profit and Loss

You'll see a profit of £500 even through £5500 was spent and only £2000 of income was taken. This is because there is still £4000 in stock to sell so the "cost of sale" for the April takings was £1000.

Check the draft Income Tax calculation on the Income Tax sheet.

£500 profit is below the standard personal allowance so no PAYE tax or class 4 National Insurance payments are due.

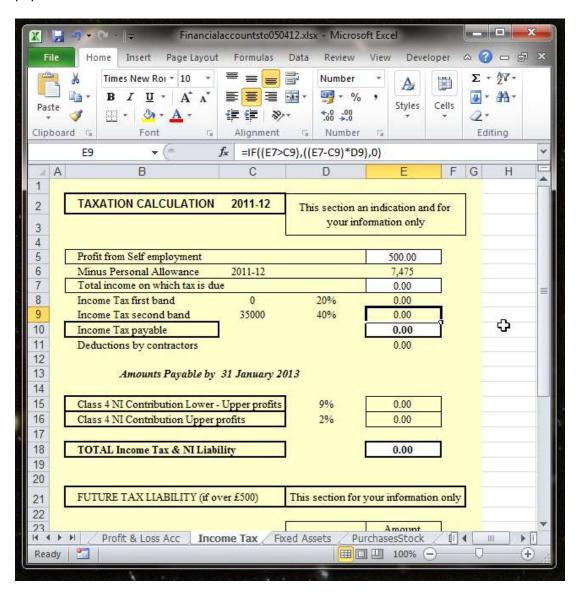


Figure 16 - First Month End accounts – Draft Income Tax calculation

More Sales and Purchases, and Stocktaking

A second month's trading sells all the original stock for £16,000 which is replenished for £5000 and the monthly rent of £500 is paid.

Entries in Sales for May 2011:

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Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > A5 : 01/05/2011
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > B5 : Cheese sales (wk1)
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > D5 : Cash
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > F5 : 4000
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > A6 : 08/05/2011
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > B6 : Cheese sales (wk2)
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > D6 : Cash
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > F6 : 4000
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > A7 : 15/05/2011
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > B7 : Cheese sales (wk3)
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > D7 : Cash
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > F7 : 4000
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > A8 : 22/05/2011
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > B8 : Cheese sales (wk4)
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > D8 : Cash
Financialaccounts050412 > SalesMay11 > F8 : 4000
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Leaving The May Sales looking like this:

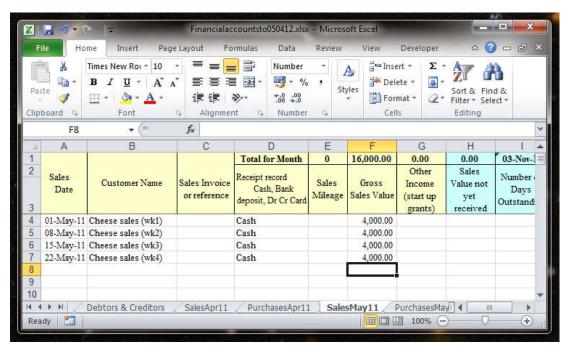


Figure 17 - More Sales and Purchases, and Stocktaking – Sales

Entries in Purchases for May 2011:

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > A5 : 31/05/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > B5 : Village Retail Park

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > D5 : Cheque

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > E5 : P

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > G5 : 500

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > A6 : 31/05/2011

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > B6 : Big Cheese Wholesale

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > D6 : Cash

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > E6 : S

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesMay11 > G6 : 5000

Leaving The May Purchases looking like this:

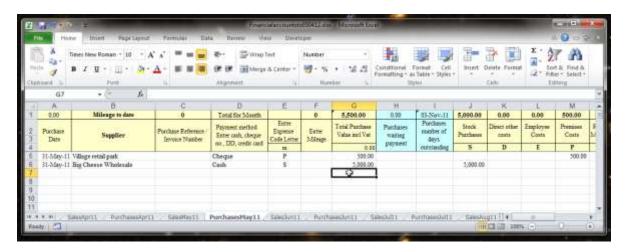


Figure 18 - More Sales and Purchases, and Stocktaking – Purchases

The May stock purchase is not sold this month so the stock take will show £5000 in stock:

Enter:

Financialaccounts050412 > PurchasesStock > D9 : 5000

To show:

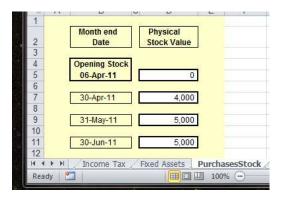


Figure 19 - More Sales and Purchases, and Stocktaking - Stocktaking

More Month End accounting

With 2 months of trading the business is now showing a Net profit of £12,000. Check the Profit and Loss Account:

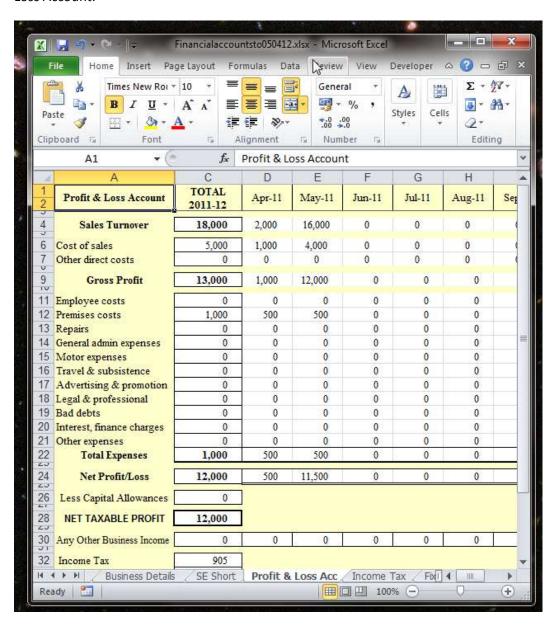


Figure 20 - More Month End accounting - Profit and Loss

Some of the profits could be taken as "Drawings" from the business but some money will need to be set aside for taxation. The final personal taxation tax bill will take into consideration other factors such as charity donations or income from other sources. The income tax calculation only looks at the business income to provide a useful guideline:

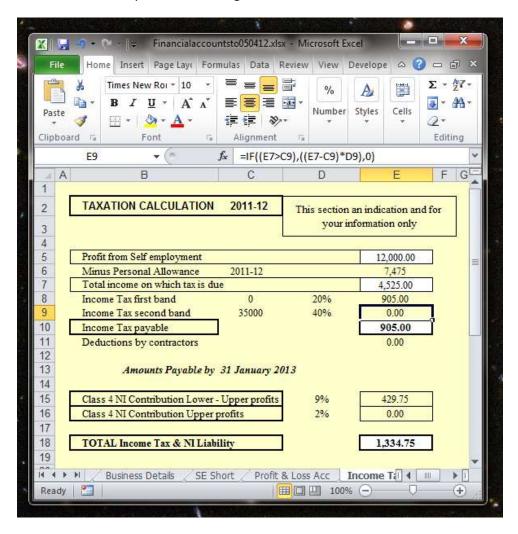


Figure 21 - More Month End accounting - Draft Income Tax calculation

Back on the profit and loss we can see the amount of income available for drawings:

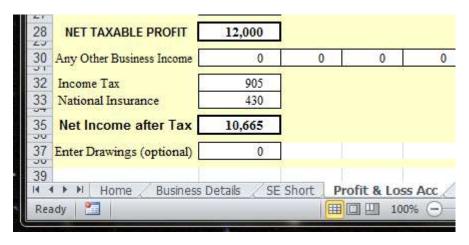


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