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An expense is the cost of operations that a company incurs to generate revenue. It is simply defined as the cost one is required to spend on obtaining something. As the popular saying goes, “it costs money to make money.”

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here are two main categories of business expenses in accounting: operating expenses and non-operating expenses. The IRS treats capital expenses differently than most other business expenses. Operating Expenses

How Expenses Are Recorded Companies break down their revenues and expenses in their income statements. Accountants record expenses through one of two accounting methods: cash basis or accrual basis. Under cash basis accounting, expenses are recorded when they are paid. In contrast, under the accrual method, expenses are recorded when they are incurred.

One of the main goals of company management teams is to maximize profits. This is achieved by boosting revenues while keeping expenses in check. Slashing costs can help companies to make even more money from sales.

if a business owner schedules a carpet cleaner to clean the carpets in the office, a company using the cash basis records the expense when it pays the invoice. Under the accrual method, the business accountant would record the carpet cleaning expense when the company receives the service. Expenses are generally recorded on an accrual basis, ensuring that they match up with the revenues reported in accounting periods.



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Short summary of the persona

The IRS treats capital expenses differently than most other business expenses. While most costs of doing business can be expensed or written off against business income the year they are incurred, capital expenses must be capitalized or written off slowly over time.

Expenses are used to calculate net income. The equation to calculate net income is revenues minus expenses.

Types of Business Expenses

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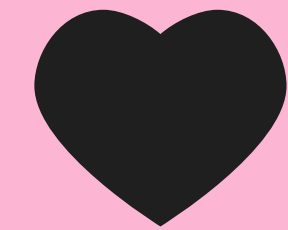
Special Considerations Capital Expenses Capital expenditures, commonly known as CapEx, are funds used by a company to acquire, upgrade, and maintain physical assets such as property, buildings, an industrial plant, technology, or equipment.

Non-operating Expenses Non-operating expenses are not directly related to the business's core operations. Common examples include interest charges and other costs associated with borrowing money. These are expenses that occur outside of a company's day-to-day activities. These costs may occur from restructuring, reorganizing, interest charges on debt, or on obsolete inventory.



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