

M4 STREAMLINE

Complete User Guide

Introduction

M4 Streamline is a comprehensive business management platform designed for tradies and small businesses. This guide covers all features and how to use them effectively.

1. Dashboard

Overview: Your central hub showing key metrics, recent activity, and quick actions.

Key Features:

- Revenue & expense tracking
- Unpaid invoices summary
- Recent activity feed (last 7 days)
- Quick access to create quotes, invoices, and jobs

2. Clients

Managing Your Clients: Store all client information in one place.

- Add client: Click 'Add Client' button
- Required fields: Name, email, phone, address
- View client history: Click any client to see their quotes, invoices, and jobs
- Edit/Delete: Use the three-dot menu on each client card

3. Quotes

Creating Professional Quotes: Send detailed quotes to clients with deposit options.

- Create quote: Click 'New Quote' button
- Add line items: Click '+ Add Item' for each service/product
- Set deposit: Enter percentage (e.g., 30 for 30% deposit)
- Send quote: Email or SMS directly to client
- Track status: Pending, Accepted, Converted, or Declined
- Convert to invoice: Click three-dot menu → 'Convert to Invoice'

4. Invoices

Invoice Management: Create, track, and manage all your invoices.

- Create invoice: Click 'New Invoice' button
- Mark as paid: Click three-dot menu → 'Mark Paid' → Select date
- Filter invoices: Use tabs (All, Unpaid, Paid, Overdue)
- Download PDF: Three-dot menu → 'Download PDF'
- Email invoice: Three-dot menu → 'Email Invoice'
- Payment tracking: Record partial or full payments

5. Schedule

Job Scheduling: Organize and track your jobs.

- Create job: Click 'New Job' or schedule from a quote
- Set date and time for appointments
- Link to clients and quotes automatically
- Update status: Scheduled, In Progress, Completed
- Team assignments: Assign jobs to team members (Business accounts)

6. Analytics

Business Insights: Track performance and identify trends.

- Revenue & expense charts with time period filters
- Profit margin tracking
- Quote conversion rates
- Most profitable clients (clickable to view invoices)
- Actionable alerts: Overdue invoices, unpaid quotes
- Compare periods: This month vs last month, year-over-year

7. Expenses

Expense Tracking: Record and categorize all business expenses.

- Add expense: Click 'Add Expense' button
- Categories: Labour, Materials, Fuel, Equipment, Marketing, Insurance, Other
- Upload receipts: Attach photos/PDFs for record keeping
- Link to jobs: Associate expenses with specific jobs
- Filter and search by category, date, or amount

8. Cash Flow

Financial Planning: Understand your money flow and plan ahead.

- Cash available: Current balance overview
- Expected income: From unpaid invoices
- Expected expenses: Upcoming costs
- Runway calculation: Months of expenses covered
- Aging report: Invoices overdue by days

9. Budget

Spending Control: Set budgets and track spending by category.

- Set monthly budgets: Click 'Edit Budget'
- Category tracking: See spending vs budget for each category
- Progress bars: Visual indicators of budget usage
- Over-budget alerts: Warning when exceeding limits
- Historical tracking: Review past months' performance

10. Reports

Financial Reports: Generate reports for tax and accounting.

- Profit & Loss statement with customizable date ranges
- GST summary: GST collected and payable
- Expense breakdown by category
- Download PDF: Click 'Download PDF' for clean reports
- Date filters: This Month, Quarter, Year, All Time

11. Company Settings

Configure Your Business: Customize M4 Streamline for your needs.

Business Information:

- Business name, ABN, phone, email, address
- Bank details (appears on invoices)
- Upload custom logo for quotes and invoices

Email Settings (SendGrid):

- API key and from name configuration
- Send quotes and invoices via email

SMS Settings:

- Enable SMS notifications
- Notify on quote sent, invoice sent, payment received

Automated Reminders:

- Payment reminders: Email clients X days after invoice overdue
- Job reminders: SMS/email clients 2 days before scheduled jobs
- Customizable: Set number of days for payment reminders
- Automatic: Runs daily at 9 AM without manual intervention

12. Team Management (Business Accounts)

Manage Your Team: Add team members and track their work.

- Add team members: Name, role, contact details
- Assign jobs: Link jobs to specific team members
- Track expenses: See expenses per team member
- Performance tracking: Revenue generated per team member

Tips & Best Practices

- ✓ **Weekly Review:** Check dashboard every Monday for overdue invoices
- ✓ **Record Expenses Daily:** Upload receipts as soon as you get them
- ✓ **Use Deposits:** Always require deposits on large jobs (30-50%)
- ✓ **Follow Up:** Enable automated reminders to reduce manual chasing
- ✓ **Review Analytics Monthly:** Check trends and adjust pricing if needed
- ✓ **Budget Tracking:** Review budget vs actual spending weekly
- ✓ **Export Reports Quarterly:** Download P&L; for your accountant

Keyboard Shortcuts

Action	Shortcut
New Quote	Q
New Invoice	I
New Client	C
New Job	J
Search	/

Support & Feedback

For questions, feature requests, or bug reports, please contact support or use the feedback button in the app.

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