Tax Return Tips for Self-Employed Workers

1. Throughout the year, track all the income and expenses generated by your professional practice.

In the Finances tab of your Psylio account, create transactions for each type of expense and income.

2. Prepare a summary of all this information in a financial report.

Go to the Finances tab, then to Reports. From there, you can generate a global report.

Examples of deductible expenses for self-employed workers:

- Mobile phone usage
- Car expenses for business travel (gas, insurance, permits, etc.)
- Interest and bank fees
- Office expenses (stationery, internet, software fees, etc.)
- Equipment costs such as computers (this expense is depreciable)
- Home office expenses, if certain criteria are met

3. Generate a tax report if GST and QST apply to your practice.

Go to the Finances tab, then to Reports. You can use the platform to generate a tax report.

4. Prepare a list of deductions and tax credits that apply to your situation.

Examples of items you should prepare for your taxes:

- RRSP contribution receipt
- Childcare expense receipt
- Student loan interest
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance (medications, dental care, physiotherapy, and others)
- Charitable donation receipt

The deadline to file your income tax return is **April 30th** each year. However, self-employed workers have until **June 15th** to file.

Lastly, while you can file your own tax return, I recommend that self-employed workers consult an accountant to optimize business expenses and receive tax advice tailored to their situation.

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