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MODULE 6 • LESSON 35 OF 40

Managing Taxes and Financial Records

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn why accurate financial records are important, understand the basics of taxes, and develop simple habits for organizing financial documents and staying financially prepared.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Keeping organized financial records helps you understand your money, prepare accurate tax information, apply for loans, monitor business performance, and make better financial decisions. Understanding basic tax responsibilities also helps you avoid penalties and comply with the laws in your country. Whether you are an employee, freelancer, or business owner, good record-keeping is an essential financial skill.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

☐ I understand the importance of financial records.

☐ I want to organize my financial documents.

☐ I am willing to improve my record-keeping habits.

☐ I will complete every activity honestly.

MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"Good financial records make tax time easier and help you make smarter financial decisions all year long."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

What financial records do you want to organize better?

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ACTIVITY 1

My Important Financial Documents

Tick the financial records you currently keep.

Financial Record	I Keep This
Income Records	☐
Expense Receipts	☐
Bank Statements	☐
Tax Documents	☐
Loan Agreements	☐
Insurance Documents	☐

Financial Record	I Keep This
Investment Records	☐
Business Records	☐

ACTIVITY 2

Financial Records Self-Assessment

Statement	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Yet
I keep important financial documents organized.	☐	☐	☐
I save receipts for major purchases.	☐	☐	☐
I regularly review my bank statements.	☐	☐	☐
I understand my tax responsibilities.	☐	☐	☐
I back up important financial records safely.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. Why are financial records important?

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2. Why should you keep receipts?

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3. What are taxes used for?

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4. Why should financial documents be stored securely?

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5. Name three financial records every adult should keep.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Spend **30 minutes** organizing your financial documents.

Create separate folders (physical or digital) for:

- Income
- Expenses
- Bank Statements
- Taxes
- Insurance
- Investments

Write one improvement you made.

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PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – MY FINANCIAL RECORD SYSTEM

A. MY FINANCIAL DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Document	**Available**	**Needs Organizing**
Bank Statements	☐	☐
Tax Records	☐	☐
Receipts	☐	☐
Insurance Policies	☐	☐
Investment Records	☐	☐

Document	Available	Needs Organizing
Loan Documents	☐	☐

B. MY RECORD-KEEPING PLAN

Task	Frequency
File receipts	Weekly
Review bank statements	Monthly
Update income records	Monthly
Organize tax documents	Quarterly
Back up digital records	Monthly

C. MY TAX PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Task	Completed
Collect income records	☐
Organize expense receipts	☐
Review bank statements	☐
Store tax documents safely	☐
Check important deadlines	☐

D. REFLECTION

How will keeping better financial records improve your financial confidence and decision-making?

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KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. The financial document I need to organize first is:

2. One record-keeping habit I will improve is:

3. One action I will take before my next tax period is:

4. The biggest lesson I learned today is:

MY 7-DAY RECORD-KEEPING ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Gather all financial documents.

Day 2: Organize paper and digital files.

Day 3: File receipts correctly.

Day 4: Review bank statements.

Day 5: Back up important digital records.

Day 6: Review tax-related documents.

Day 7: Create a monthly record-keeping routine.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I completed my Financial Record System worksheet.

☐ I organized my important financial documents.

☐ I created a simple record-keeping routine.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 36.

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL AFTER THIS LESSON

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Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 36 – Using Bank Accounts and Digital Payment Tools

Learn how bank accounts and digital payment tools work, how to use them safely, and how they can help you manage your money more efficiently in today's digital economy.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to keeping accurate financial records, organizing my important documents, understanding my financial responsibilities, and maintaining good record-keeping habits that support informed financial decisions throughout my life.

Signature: ___________________________

Date: _______________________________