

Tax season and year-end can feel like a big pile of stress. There are receipts to find, numbers to check, and deadlines to meet. A bookkeeper keeps your business finances in order, so tax time feels smooth instead of scary.

Bookkeepers work all year to track your money. When tax season hits, everything is already organized. That saves you time and helps you avoid mistakes that can cost money.

**Bookkeepers keep things organized every day.**

**Accountants analyze the big picture to help you plan.**

## Bookkeeper vs. Accountant: Who Does What?

Both help your business stay healthy. They focus on different parts of your financial picture. Plus, both are important for a strong business.

Task	Bookkeeper	Accountant
Tracks daily income and expenses	✓ Yes	✓ Sometimes
Matches bank and credit accounts	✓ Yes	✗ No
Helps manage payroll	✓ Yes	✓ Sometimes
Creates monthly reports	✓ Yes	✓ Sometimes
Reviews financial records for accuracy	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Tax planning and filing	✗ No	✓ Yes
Advises on business growth and strategy	✓ Sometimes	✓ Yes
Follows rules for IRS tax reporting	✗ No	✓ Yes

## What Your Bookkeeper Does for Tax Season

Here are a few ways bookkeeping prepares you for tax season:

- Cleans up accounts and fixes errors.
- Tracks deductible expenses you can claim.
- Organizes digital receipts and documents.

- Prepares key reports for your CPA or tax pro.
- Helps your business avoid late filings and fees.

## How a Bookkeeper Prepares Records for Your Accountant

A bookkeeper is like the pit crew in a race, tuning everything behind the scenes so your accountant can speed ahead when it counts.

Your bookkeeper helps by:

- Reconciliations: Bank and credit card records match actual spending.
- Categorizing expenses: Makes tax deductions easier for your CPA.
- Finalizing payroll records: All wages, taxes, and benefits are correct.
- Preparing year-end financial statements: Profit and loss, balance sheet, A/R, and A/P reports.
- Organizing tax documents: 1099s, receipts, loan statements, mileage logs, and more.

When everything is neat, your accountant can quickly find ways to save you money.

## Year-End Strategies to Stay Ahead

Small habits equal significant relief at tax time. Your bookkeeper can guide you to:

- Review your numbers each month to identify problems early.
- Store receipts in one place, like a mobile app.
- Keep up with unpaid invoices.
- Talk with your tax pro before year-end if income changes.
- Plan for taxes with smart cash flow tracking.

## Reduce Year-End Stress

Tax season doesn't have to feel stressful. With bookkeeping help for tax season and year-end, your numbers stay tidy, your reports are ready, and your accountant has everything needed to help you get the best results.

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