

## 2009 Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040), Net Profit From Business

**Purpose:** This is the first circulated draft of the 2009 Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040) for your review and comments.

**TPCC Meeting:** None, but may be arranged if requested.

**Prior version:** The 2008 Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040) is available at:  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040sce.pdf>

**Other Products:** Circulations of draft tax forms, instructions, notices, and publications are posted at:  
<http://taxforms.web.irs.gov/Circulations/index.htm>

**Comments:** Please email, fax, call, or mail any comments by **July 6, 2009**.

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### Major Changes to 2009 Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040)

1. All years are updated appropriately.
2. We made changes to references to the instructions for Schedule C-EZ for consistency and references to the instructions for Schedule C for clarity (for example on line “**B**”, line 2, line 5b, and line “**a**” of the optional worksheet for line 2).
3. We revised line “**D**” on page 1 and added language to the instructions for line D on page 2 to clarify the proper EIN to enter, per a request from SE:S:E:EP. Some taxpayers have been entering on line D the EINs from Forms 1099-MISC that they received.

**SCHEDULE C-EZ  
(Form 1040)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

**Net Profit From Business  
(Sole Proprietorship)**

▶ **Partnerships, joint ventures, etc., generally must file Form 1065 or 1065-B.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 1040, 1040NR, or 1041.** ▶ **See instructions on page 2.**

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**2009**

Attachment  
Sequence No. **09A**

Name of proprietor

Social security number (SSN)

**Part I General Information**

**You May Use  
Schedule C-EZ  
Instead of  
Schedule C  
Only If You:**

- Had business expenses of \$5,000 or less.
- Use the cash method of accounting.
- Did not have an inventory at any time during the year.
- Did not have a net loss from your business.
- Had only one business as either a sole proprietor, qualified joint venture, or statutory employee.

**And You:**

- Had no employees during the year.
- Are not required to file **Form 4562**, Depreciation and Amortization, for this business. See the instructions for Schedule C, line 13, on page C-5 to find out if you must file.
- Do not deduct expenses for business use of your home.
- Do not have prior year unallowed passive activity losses from this business.

<b>A</b> Principal business or profession, including product or service	<b>B</b> Enter business code (see page 2) ▶
<b>C</b> Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank.	<b>D</b> Enter your EIN (see page 2) 
<b>E</b> Business address (including suite or room no.). Address not required if same as on page 1 of your tax return.  City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code	

**Part II Figure Your Net Profit**

<b>1 Gross receipts. Caution.</b> See the instructions for Schedule C, line 1, on page C-4 and check the box if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This income was reported to you on Form W-2 and the "Statutory employee" box on that form was checked, or</li> <li>• You are a member of a qualified joint venture reporting only rental real estate income not subject to self-employment tax.</li> </ul>		▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>2 Total expenses</b> (see page 2). If more than \$5,000, you <b>must</b> use Schedule C . . . . .	<b>2</b>				
<b>3 Net profit.</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1. If less than zero, you <b>must</b> use Schedule C. Enter on both <b>Form 1040, line 12</b> , and <b>Schedule SE, line 2</b> , or on <b>Form 1040NR, line 13</b> . (If you checked the box on line 1, <b>do not</b> report the amount from line 3 on Schedule SE, line 2.) Estates and trusts, enter on <b>Form 1041, line 3</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>				

**Part III Information on Your Vehicle.** Complete this part **only** if you are claiming car or truck expenses on line 2.

**4** When did you place your vehicle in service for business purposes? (month, day, year) ▶ ..... / ..... / .....

**5** Of the total number of miles you drove your vehicle during 2009, enter the number of miles you used your vehicle for:  
**a** Business ..... **b** Commuting (see page 2) ..... **c** Other .....

**6** Was your vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**

**7** Do you (or your spouse) have another vehicle available for personal use? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**

**8a** Do you have evidence to support your deduction? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**  
**b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**

# Instructions



Before you begin, see General Instructions in the 2009 Instructions for Schedule C.

You can use Schedule C-EZ instead of Schedule C if you operated a business or practiced a profession as a sole proprietorship or qualified joint venture, or you were a statutory employee and you have met all the requirements listed in Schedule C-EZ, Part I.

**Line A**

Describe the business or professional activity that provided your principal source of income reported on line 1. Give the general field or activity and the type of product or service.

**Line B**

Enter the six-digit code that identifies your principal business or professional activity. See pages C-9 through C-11 of the instructions for Schedule C for the list of codes.

**Line D**

Enter on line D the employer identification number (EIN) that was issued to you on Form SS-4. Do not enter your SSN. Do not enter another taxpayer's EIN (for example, from any Forms 1099-MISC that you received). **If you do not have an EIN, leave line D blank.**

You need an EIN only if you had a qualified retirement plan or were required to file an employment, excise, estate, trust, or alcohol, tobacco, and firearms tax return. If you need an EIN, see the Instructions for Form SS-4.

**Line E**

Enter your business address. Show a street address instead of a box number. Include the suite or room number, if any.

**Line 1**

Enter gross receipts from your trade or business. Include amounts you received in your trade or business that were properly shown on Forms 1099-MISC. If the total amounts that were reported in box 7 of Forms 1099-MISC are more than the total you are reporting on line 1, attach a statement explaining the difference. You must show all items of taxable income actually or constructively received during the year (in cash, property, or services). Income is constructively received when it is credited to your account or set aside for you to use. Do not offset this amount by any losses.

**Line 2**

Enter the total amount of all deductible business expenses you actually paid during the year. Examples of these expenses include advertising, car and truck expenses,

commissions and fees, insurance, interest, legal and professional services, office expenses, rent or lease expenses, repairs and maintenance, supplies, taxes, travel, the allowable percentage of business meals and entertainment, and utilities (including telephone). For details, see the instructions for Schedule C, Parts II and V, on pages C-4 through C-9. You may use the optional worksheet below to record your expenses. Enter on lines **b** through **f** the type and amount of expenses not included on line **a**.

If you claim car or truck expenses, be sure to complete Schedule C-EZ, Part III.

**Line 5b**

Generally, commuting is travel between your home and a work location. If you converted your vehicle during the year from personal to business use (or vice versa), enter your commuting miles only for the period you drove your vehicle for business. For information on certain travel that is considered a business expense rather than commuting, see the Instructions for Form 2106.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Internal Revenue Code section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated burden for individual taxpayers filing this form is included in the estimates shown in the instructions for their individual income tax return. The estimated burden for all other taxpayers who file this form is approved under OMB control number 1545-1973 and is shown below.

- Recordkeeping** . . . . . 45 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** . . . . . 4 min.
- Preparing the form** . . . . . 35 min.
- Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS** . . . . . 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.

**Optional Worksheet for Line 2 (keep a copy for your records)**

<b>a</b>	Deductible meals and entertainment (see the instructions for Schedule C, line 24b, on page C-7)	<b>a</b>		
<b>b</b>	.....	<b>b</b>		
<b>c</b>	.....	<b>c</b>		
<b>d</b>	.....	<b>d</b>		
<b>e</b>	.....	<b>e</b>		
<b>f</b>	.....	<b>f</b>		
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines <b>a</b> through <b>f</b> . Enter here and on line 2	<b>g</b>		