

Home Office Deduction Checklist

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Claim it safely and capture the full write-off.

Qualify

- ☐ Regular AND exclusive use
- ☐ Principal place of business
- ☐ Self-employed income (W-2 employees generally cannot federally) Calculate
- ☐ Measured office + home square footage
- ☐ Ran BOTH methods, took the larger Document
- ☐ Photo + measurement of the space
- ☐ Expense receipts (regular method) File
- ☐ Form 8829 (regular) -> Schedule C, or simplified line
- ☐ Did not let it create a business loss (carry forward excess)

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