### Entrepreneur tips:

#### **Budget and Basic accounting**



- Start up
- Budget/Forecast
- Basic accounting
- Value added tax VAT/MVA
- Year end
- Communication with the Government



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## **START UP**

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#### <u>AS – Limited Liability Company</u>

- An independent legal entity
- A separate tax entity
- Your personal economy is not involved
- More recognized in the market/to customers
- Obligated to prepare and submit tax papers and annual accounts
- <u>Altinn Starting and registering a private limited company (AS)</u>

#### <u>AS – Limited Liability Company</u>

- Minimum start-up of NOK 30,000
- The deposit must be confirmed by the bank, and auditor or a lawyer
- Fee to Brønnøysund for registering the company can be covered by the share capital
- Auditors: obligated, but you can choose not to have one

#### AS – Limited Liability Company

- Small limited companies can choose not to be audited
  - Turnover less than NOK 6 million
  - Total balance sheet less than NOK 23 million
  - Total work performed less than 10 full-time equivalents

# **BUDGET/FORECAST**



- Revenue
- Cost of sale
- Operating cost
  - Salary
  - Rent including electricity
  - Office cost
  - Travel expenses and representation
  - Markeing/Advertising
- Finance
  - Interests on founding

#### PROFIT & LOSS 2022

|                             | January | February | March   | YTD     | %     |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| REVENUE FROM SALES          | 100 000 | 120 000  | 150 000 | 370 000 |       |
| COST OF SALES               | 42 000  | 47 000   | 57 000  | 146 000 | 39 %  |
| GROSS PROFIT                | 58 000  | 73 000   | 93 000  | 224 000 | 0     |
|                             | 58,0 %  | 60,8 %   | 62,0 %  | 60,5 %  |       |
| STAFF SALARY                | 40 000  | 40 000   | 40 000  | 120 000 | 32,4% |
| PREMISES                    | 7 500   | 7 300    | 7 300   | 22 100  | 6,0%  |
| OFFICE COSTS                | 5 000   | 5 000    | 5 000   | 15 000  | 4,1%  |
| FEES                        |         |          |         | 0       | 0,0%  |
| TELEPHONE, PORTO            | 1 200   | 1 200    | 1 200   | 3 600   | 1,0%  |
| CAR EXPENSES                |         |          |         | 0       | 0,0%  |
| TRAVEL EXPENSES             |         |          | 4 000   | 4 000   | 1,1%  |
| ADVERTISING, REPRESENTATION |         | 8 000    |         | 8 000   | 2,2%  |
| INSURANCE                   | 2 000   | 2 000    | 2 000   | 6 000   | 1,6%  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES              | 55 700  | 63 500   | 59 500  | 178 700 | 48,3% |
|                             |         |          |         |         |       |
| INTERESTS                   | 1 000   | 1 000    | 1 000   | 3 000   |       |
| PROFIT                      | 1 300   | 8 500    | 32 500  | 42 300  | 11,4% |
| Tax (22%)                   | 286     | 1 870    | 7 150   | 9 306   |       |
| NET PROFIT AFTER TAX        | 1 014   | 6 630    | 25 350  | 32 994  |       |

#### Budget



#### • Cash flow

- Based on budget, what kind of cash do you need?
  - Different due date with customers and suppliers
- Financing?



- After a few months
  - Look over your budget and compare with your actuals
  - Make new forcast based on actuals/new information

# **BASIC ACCOUNTING**

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- Why keep accounts?
- A company's accounts are the basis for
  - The company, it's existence
  - Tax
  - VAT/Mva
  - Social taxes
  - Potential new investors
  - Bank/other financeinstitution

- What does bookkeeping mean?
  - To record purchases, sales and other events in a system
- All businesses are required by the law to keep accounts
  - The accounts should be organized after Norwegian standard chart of accounts
  - All economic events has to be documented
  - Revenue/cost has to be recorded when it is earned/incurred

- Your accounts should be updated on an ongoing basis
  - If cash transactions: daily
  - If registred in the VAT register: every other month
  - Regardless: at least every four months
  - Less then 600 transactions: yearly

- Any business with more than 600 transactions a year must have
  - General ledger
  - Specification of VAT
  - Specification over all transactions on each customer and supplier
  - Specification on all private withdrawal

#### • Journal entry of incomming invoices (purchase)

| JE no: | Date       | Description     | 6900 Phone |        | 2400 Acc. Payable |        | 1920 Bank |        |
|--------|------------|-----------------|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|        |            |                 | Debit      | Credit | Debit             | Credit | Debit     | Credit |
| 38     | 10.11.2022 | Telenor, Oct 22 | 845        |        |                   | 845    |           |        |
| 54     | 24.11.2022 | Payment Telenor |            |        | 845               |        |           | 845    |

#### • Journal entry of outgoing invoices (sales)

| JE no: | Date       | Description         | 3000 Sales |        | 1500 Acc. Receivable |        | 1920 Bank |        |
|--------|------------|---------------------|------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
|        |            |                     | Debit      | Credit | Debit                | Credit | Debit     | Credit |
| 10001  | 31.10.2022 | Sale                |            | 15 000 | 15 000               |        |           |        |
| 51     | 15.11.2022 | Settlement customer |            |        |                      | 15 000 | 15 000    |        |

# VAT – VALUE ADDED TAX

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#### Merverdiavgift (MVA)/Value added tax (VAT)

- Is a tax to the Government on revenue and withdrawal of goods and services
  - All revenue and withdrawal of goods and services are subject to value added tax

### Merverdiavgift (MVA)/Value added tax (VAT)

- Exceptions:
  - Health services
  - Art and culture
  - Social services
  - Teaching
  - Sale and rental of real estate
  - Financial services (banking)

• If your business is under one of these categories, you cannot deduct any VAT on purchase either

### Merverdiavgift (MVA)/Value added tax (VAT)

- Sales of certain goods and services are exempt from VAT:
  - Sales abroad
  - Sale of books to end user
  - Sale of newspapers
  - Sale of used cars

In these cases, you can still deduct incomming VAT

### Outgoing VAT/Incomming VAT

- Outgoing VAT:
  - On sales or withdrawal
- Incomming VAT:
  - On purchases

### Outgoing VAT/Incomming VAT

- 4 different rates:
  - 25% regular
  - 15% sales of food and beverages
  - 12% passenger transports and rental of accommodation
  - 11,11% Sales of fish

- You cannot claim or deduct VAT until you are registred in the VAT register
  - Terms of registration:
    - You are running a business that are registred in the Central Coordinating register of Legal Entities (Brønnøysund)
    - Sales and withdrawal of goods and services exceeds <u>NOK 50,000 (excl. VAT)</u> over the course of a period of 12 months
    - <u>Register, change or delete in the Value Added Tax Register (VAT Register) The Norwegian Tax Administration</u> (skatteetaten.no)

- After registration
  - MVA behind your organization number
    - NO 987 654 321MVA
  - MVA/VAT has to be calculated and specified on all invoices, as long as the sales are not excepted or exemted

- Terms and deadlines
  - Term 1 (Jan/Feb)
  - Term 2 (Mar/Apr)
  - Term 3 (May/June)
  - Term 4 (July/Aug)
  - Term 5 (Sept/Oct)
  - Term 6 (Nov/Dec)

April 10th June 10th August 31st October 10th December 10 th February 10th

#### MVA melding 5. termin 2022 September-Oktober

| Kode | Beskrivelse                             | Grunnlag | Sats   | Mva    |
|------|---|----------|--------|--------|
|      | Salg og uttak av varer og tjenester     |          |        |        |
| 3    | (høy sats)                              | 200 000  | 25 %   | 50 000 |
|      | Salg og uttak av varer og tjenester     |          |        |        |
| 6    | som er unntatt merverdiavgiftsloven     | 15 000   | 0%     |        |
|      | Salg av varer og tjenester til utlandet |          |        |        |
| 52   | som er fritatt for merverdiavgift       | 70 000   | 0%     |        |
|      | Kjøp av varer og tjenester med          |          |        |        |
| 1    | fradragsrett (høy sats)                 |          | 25 % - | 32 000 |
|      | Kjøp av varer fra utlandet med          |          |        |        |
| 81   | fradragsrett (høy sats)                 | 50 000   | 25 %   | 12 500 |
|      | Fradrag på kjøp av varer fra utlandet   |          |        |        |
| 81   | (høy sats)                              |          | 25 % - | 12 500 |
|      | Å betale                                |          |        | 18 000 |

- As long as you are registred in the VAT register, you <u>have to</u> deliver the VAT return at due date
- If you do not have any sales, you still have to submit the VAT return
  - Enter NOK 0,- in sales

- Due date for delivering VAT return, is also due date for payment
- Consequenses if you do not deliver on time
  - Interests
  - Fines
- After 14 days
  - Forced collection
  - Payment remarks
  - Petition for bankruptcy



- Deregistration in the VAT register
  - Lower turnover than NOK 50,000 the last two calendar years

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## A-MELDING

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### The A-melding

- Any enterprise that has employees on payroll is obligated to deliver this every month
- Must be delivered by the 5th, even in months with no payments
  - Electornical delivery
  - No extention of due date
  - Compulsory fine in case of missing/incorrect reporting



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### YEAR END

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- January 31st
  - Shareholder register statement (Aksjonærregister oppgave)
- May 31st
  - Tax papers
- July 31st
  - Annual accounts



- Shareholder register statement (Aksjonærregister oppgave)
  - Information on each share owner, sale/purchase of shares, share capital and dividend
  - From year 2, this will be prepared by the tax authoroties but you must still submit
  - Has to be submitted every year, from and including the year of establishment to the year of termination



- Tax papers (Skattemelding)
  - Has to be prepared and submitted from and including the year of establishment to the year of termination
  - Has to be delivered electronical through an accountingsystem



- Annual accounts (årsregnskap)
  - Must be in Norwegian, and contain
    - Profit & Loss
    - Balance sheet
    - Notes
  - Determined no later than 6 months after year end, and submitted a month later at the latest
  - Companies established July 1st or later
    - Submit annual accounts for year of establishment or submit together with the following year

# COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT

### Communication with the Government

- Altinn/Skatteetaten
  - VAT reports
  - A-melding
  - Shareholder register statement
  - Tax papers
  - Annual accounts

These are all with due dates. Important to deliver on time!

- \*Reminder
- \*Interests
- \*Daily fines, up to a total of NOK 63,600

#### Communication with the Government

- Altinn/Skatteetaten
  - Samordnet registermelding
    - Register new entities or companies
    - Make changes in information for an existing entity

#### So, to sum it up;

- Make a good economical plan/budget
- Stick to your plan
- Follow up
- Keep everything in order from day one

Do not let unexpected cost and fines put you out of business And if you need help or guidance – please ask for it

#### Thank you for your time



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