

HOW DO I BECOME SELF-EMPLOYED?

A brief overview for every starter

DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

Before you start your business, you need to have a good understanding of what you want to do and how you want to do it.

Research the market, your audience, your competitors and your business model to make sure you get the best possible start.



CHOOSING A FORM OF BUSINESS: SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP OR PARTNERSHIP?

The most important choice in business type you have to make is sole proprietorship or partnership. Deliberate and weigh the pros and cons of each type carefully before deciding.

- Sole proprietorships are simple and easy, but you get little protection and pay a lot of taxes.
- Partnerships are more complex and expensive to start, but offer more protection and save you money in the long run.

Also remember that you can still change your business form in a few years. So choose your ideal form for now.



IN MAIN OR SECONDARY OCCUPATION

Do you want to work completely for yourself right away or would you rather stay with your employer for a while? If you work at least half-time, you can start as a secondary occupation. Otherwise you are automatically active as a main professional.

- Secondary profession is perfect for starters who still want to get to know the market a little and first explore it a bit.
- A main occupation is ideal for those who want to dive right in and be 100% their own boss.



COSTS OF BECOMING SELF-EMPLOYED

Some fixed costs, every starter must incur. You will always have these costs:

- Registration of your business & administrative costs
- Accountant
- Insurance
- Social contributions
- Taxes



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