

HOW TO START A FREELANCE BUSINESS

1. Starting work

- 1.1. Get experience first
 - 1.1.1. How to get experience?
 - 1.1.1.1. Work for free
 - 1.1.1.1. Make sure you can withstand this financially
 - 1.1.1.2. Do not devalue your work too much
 - 1.1.1.2. Work for less
 - 1.1.1.2.1. Build up reviews
 - 1.1.1.2.2. Gives insight into the lifestyle
 - 1.1.1.2.3. Makes you revalue your final price

2. Try to find and retain clients

- 2.1. Should be the main goal of business
- 2.2. Learn to pitch
- 2.3. Have a database of possible clients

3. Where to find freelance work?

- 3.1. The best tip is to look where your clients are
- 3.2. Do research on your client
- 3.3. Do research on industry services
- 3.4. Profiles
 - 3.4.1. Fill out your social media profiles
 - 3.4.2. Fill out website profiles completely
- 3.5. Freelance job finding platforms
 - 3.5.1. Upwork

- 3.5.2. Freelancer
- 3.5.3. Fiverr
- 3.5.4. Guru
- 3.5.5. Toptal
- 3.5.6. Freelance
- 3.5.7. LinkedIn
- 3.6. Pitching

4. Ways to advertise your services

- 4.1. Ads
- 4.2. Build a portfolio
- 4.3. Pitching
- 4.4. Have social media accounts

5. What is a portfolio?

- 5.1. Like a resume
- 5.2. Way to advertise
- 5.3. Show off who you are
- 5.4. Clients use them to decide whether to hire you

6. What to put in your portfolio?

- 6.1. Who you are
- 6.2. Skills
- 6.3. Education
- 6.4. Experience
- 6.5. Examples of your work
- 6.6. Contact
- 6.7. Services

- 6.8. Packages
- 6.9. Testimonials

7. What kind of work examples?

- 7.1. Completed projects
- 7.2. Excerpts
- 7.3. Samples
- 7.4. Results-driven explanations

8. Where should a portfolio be?

- 8.1. Build a website
 - 8.1.1. Clear and professional
 - 8.1.2. Easy to navigate
 - 8.1.3. All the appropriate elements
 - 8.1.4. Contact information
- 8.2. Fill out profiles on websites
 - 8.2.1. Freelance website profiles
- 8.3. Have social media profiles
 - 8.3.1. Interact with industry
 - 8.3.2. Connect with audience
 - 8.3.3. Link to website
 - 8.3.4. Share examples of your content
- 8.4. Just make sure your clients can find it
- 8.5. Needs to be easily accessible

9. What if you do not have any examples?

- 9.1. Simply: get some
 - 9.1.1. Work for a lower wage

9.1.2. Do practice projects

10. Scaling your business

- 10.1. Move into full-time freelance
- 10.2. Hire a team
- 10.3. Subcontract elements
- 10.4. Outsource
- 10.5. Hire assistant
- 10.6. Develop a niche
 - 10.6.1. More specific industry
 - 10.6.2. Can charge more
 - 10.6.3. Specialized service
- 10.7. Build a brand
- 10.8. Add new services
- 10.9. Increase prices
 - 10.9.1. Clients pay for quality
 - 10.9.2. Comes from skill and experience
- 10.10. Keep business growing

11. Time management

- 11.1. Be careful of procrastinating
- 11.2. Too much flexibility?
- 11.3. Determine definitive working hours
- 11.4. Best time of day to work
- 11.5. Organization
 - 11.5.1. Lists
 - 11.5.2. Calendar

- 11.5.3. Deadlines
- 11.5.4. Subtasks
- 11.5.5. Timers
- 11.6. What works best for you

12. Choose a niche

- 12.1. More specialized
- 12.2. Premium price
- 12.3. Premium clients

13. Value your time

- 13.1. Work out your pricing
- 13.2. Do not let clients take advantage
- 13.3. Price your work fairly
- 13.4. Based on skills and experience

14. Ethics

- 14.1. Your reputation is at risk
- 14.2. Good communication
- 14.3. Do not steal or plagiarize

15. Contracts

- 15.1. Outline terms of service
- 15.2. Payment requirements and expectations
- 15.3. Specify your work
- 15.4. Deadlines

16. Legalities

- 16.1. Taxes
- 16.2. Registration

- 16.3. Business ownership
- 16.4. Do research in case there is more!!

17. Will there be hidden costs?

- 17.1. Software
- 17.2. Furniture
- 17.3. Equipment
- 17.4. Training

18. Business plan elements that you need to consider

- 18.1. Part-time freelance?
 - 18.1.1. Or make it a full-time business?
- 18.2. Why do you want to freelance?
 - 18.2.1. Better work-life balance?
 - 18.2.2. Be your own boss?
 - 18.2.3. Supplement your other income?
- 18.3. Cost of living
 - 18.3.1. Can you freelance straight away?
 - 18.3.2. What is your dream income?
 - 18.3.3. Can you withstand a pay cut?
 - 18.3.4. Desired wage level?
- 18.4. Research
 - 18.4.1. Industry
 - 18.4.2. Competition
 - 18.4.3. Service
- 18.5. Creating a brand
- 18.6. Where will you find clients?

19. Who are your clients?

- 19.1. Quality
- 19.2. Retention

20. What will your service be?

- 20.1. Industry?
- 20.2. Specialization?
- 20.3. Niche?

21. What are your lifestyle goals?

- 21.1. No commute?
- 21.2. Minimum work hours?
- 21.3. Work from your bed?

22. Firstly, what are your?

- 22.1. Skills
- 22.2. Passions
- 22.3. Interests
- 22.4. Hobbies
- 22.5. Education