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YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORTING MASTER CHECKLIST

This comprehensive checklist is designed to assist accountants and businesses in efficiently preparing for year-end financial reporting requirements. It covers essential tasks, including compiling necessary financial statements, tracking filing deadlines, and ensuring compliance with accounting standards. By following this checklist, accountants can streamline their year-end reporting process and ensure accuracy and compliance.

REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	RECONCILE ACCOUNTS
Balance Sheet Verify accuracy of assets, liabilities, and equity balances.	Bank Accounts Reconcile bank statements with accounting records.
Income Statement Review revenue, expenses, and net income figures.	Accounts Receivable Verify outstanding invoices and reconcile with general ledger.
Cash Flow Statement Confirm cash inflows and outflows for the period.	Accounts Payable Confirm outstanding bills and reconcile with vendor statements.
ADJUST ENTRIES	COMPLIANCE CHECKS
Accruals Record any accrued expenses or revenue not yet recognized.	Tax Compliance Ensure all tax filings are up-to-date and compliant with regulations.
Prepayments Adjust for any prepaid expenses or income received in advances.	Regulatory Compliance
Depreciation Update depreciation expense for fixed assets.	Disclosure Requirements Verify completeness and accuracy of financial disclosures.
FILING DEADLINES	DOCUMENTATION REVIEW
Income Tax Returns Note filing deadlines for corporate and individual tax returns.	Supporting Documents Gather documentation to support financial transactions and adjustments.
Financial Statements Mark due dates for submitting financial statements to stakeholders.	Internal Controls Review effectiveness of internal controls for financial reporting.
Regulatory Filings Record deadlines for submitting regulatory filings (e.g., SEC filings).	Audit Preparation Organize documents and records for potential audits or reviews
COMMUNICATION	YEAR-END ANALYSIS
Stakeholder Communication Inform stakeholders (management, shareholders, etc.) of financial performance and reporting status.	Performance Evaluation Assess financial performance compared to previous periods and budgets.
Accounting Team Coordination Coordinate tasks and responsibilities among accounting team members.	Forecasting Begin forecasting for the upcoming fiscal year based on year-end results.
	Strategic Planning Identify areas for improvement and strategic initiatives for the next year.