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Student Guide to QuickBooks Online Seminar

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# **Student Guide to QuickBooks Online**

This student guide serves as a take-home resource for participants to refer to when they need a refresher on the topics covered during the live QuickBooks Online seminar.

#### QUICKBOOKS ONLINE TEST DRIVE

Screen shots included in this guide use the QuickBooks Online test drive file. The test drive file uses a sample company file called Craig's Design & Landscaping Services and is in a QuickBooks Plus environment (we'll get into subscription levels later). Access it through the following link:

#### https://qbo.intuit.com/redir/testdrive

You don't have to create an account or sign in to access the test drive file. Just complete the security verification (if prompted) and click **Continue**.

This test drive file is designed for you to explore and try out new things without worrying about breaking something or making a mistake. It is not designed to retain any changes you make. Once you close this QuickBooks Online test drive company, it is completely refreshed. When you log out of it, the changes you have made to the file are erased.

# **Introduction to QuickBooks Online**

#### **PRODUCT OVERVIEW**

QuickBooks Online has many features and advantages that QuickBooks Desktop does not offer. Once you make the change to QuickBooks Online, it is important to understand the features available in the cloud and the feature availability based on your subscription level. Some advantages QuickBooks Online offers are:

- You can easily access data across multiple platforms (PC or Mac), browser or tablet
- Mobile access is included with all QuickBooks Online subscriptions at no additional cost
- There is no need to transfer data files; everyone logs in to the same account to access live data
- All data is hosted, backed up and secured by Intuit's servers
- Attaching supporting documents and transactional messaging allows for greater collaboration and centralization of information
- You can automatically create invoices and send them to clients, including delayed customer charges for unbilled time and costs
- Logins, third-party activity and list changes can be monitored using the Audit Log
- Reports can be emailed automatically to anyone using a scheduled frequency, even if they do not have access to this QuickBooks Online company file
- Further organize data with both class and location tracking; labels can be selected for locations (such as *property, store, territory*, etc.)
- Organize data by customer, sub-customer, or project
- Bank and credit card transactions are automatically downloaded once you connect your financial institution account(s) to QuickBooks using your online banking credentials
- You can invite unlimited Reports Only and/or Time Tracking Only users when using the Plus and Advanced subscription levels of QuickBooks Online

- Third-party apps sync to QuickBooks Online behind the scenes (i.e., without actually opening QuickBooks Online) since the apps sync to Intuit's always-accessible server. No downloading and managing third-party sync engines!
- Post to multiple accounts receivable and accounts payable lines in a single journal entry
- Track inventory using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The only desktop edition that offers FIFO is Enterprise with Advanced Inventory.
- QuickBooks Online developers are always releasing new functionality within the software. This list of features will continue to grow!

## QUICKBOOKS ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

QuickBooks Online is a great solution for many different types of businesses. Every company must assess their needs to find a financial accounting solution appropriate for their business. Use the QuickBooks Online subscription matrix to understand the features included with each of the three QuickBooks Online subscription levels:

#### http://quickbooks.intuit.com/online/compare

Upgrade your QuickBooks Online subscription level at any time to accommodate changes in your business.

FEATURE	SIMPLE START	ESSENTIALS	PLUS	ADVANCED
TRACK YOUR INCOME AND EXPENSES	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
SEND UNLIMITED ESTIMATES & INVOICES ON THE GO	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
IMPORT OR SEND HUNDREDS OF INVOICES AT ONCE				✓
CHARGE AND TRACK SALES TAXES	✓	✓	✓	✓
DOWNLOAD TRANSACTIONS FROM BANK & CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
PRINT CHECKS & RECORD TRANSACTIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓
IMPORT DATA FROM EXCEL® OR QUICKBOOKS DESKTOP	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
BACK UP YOUR DATA ONLINE AUTOMATICALLY	✓	✓	✓	✓

FEATURE	SIMPLE START	ESSENTIALS	PLUS	ADVANCED
SAME SECURITY & ENCRYPTION AS BANKS	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓
ACCESS DATA FROM TABLET OR SMARTPHONE	✓	✓	✓	✓
INTEGRATE WITH AVAILABLE APPLICATIONS	✓	✓	✓	✓
SET UP INVOICES TO AUTOMATICALLY BILL ON A RECURRING SCHEDULE		✓	✓	✓
MANAGE AND PAY BILLS FROM SUPPLIERS		✓	✓	✓
SCHEDULE BILL PAYMENTS FOR LATER USING ONLINE BILL PAY (POWERED BY BILL.COM)		✓	✓	✓
CONTROL WHAT YOUR USERS CAN ACCESS		✓	✓	Advanced permission controls
CREATE AND SEND PURCHASE ORDERS			✓	✓
TRACK INVENTORY			✓	✓
GIVE EMPLOYEES & SUBCONTRACTORS LIMITED ACCESS TO ENTER TIME WORKED		✓	✓	✓
TRACK BILLABLE HOURS BY CUSTOMER		✓	✓	✓

FEATURE	SIMPLE START	ESSENTIALS	PLUS	ADVANCED
CREATE BUDGETS TO ESTIMATE FUTURE INCOME AND EXPENSES			✓	✓
CATEGORIZE YOUR INCOME AND EXPENSES USING CLASS TRACKING			✓	✓
TRACK SALES AND PROFITABILITY FOR EACH OF YOUR LOCATIONS OR DIVISIONS			✓	✓
TRACK PROJECT PROFITABILITY			✓	✓
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CLASSES & LOCATIONS COMBINED	0	0	40	Unlimited
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF USER-CREATED GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS	250	250	250	Unlimited
NUMBER OF COMPANY USERS WHO CAN ACCESS QUICKBOOKS ONLINE	1	3	5	25
NUMBER OF ACCOUNTANT USERS/FIRMS THAT CAN BE INVITED	2	2	2	3
UNLIMITED "TIME TRACKING ONLY" USERS		✓	✓	✓
UNLIMITED "REPORTS ONLY" USERS			✓	✓
NUMBER OF BUILT-IN BUSINESS REPORTS	20+	40+	65+	80+ <i>and</i> Smart Reporting by Fathom

FEATURE	SIMPLE ESSENTIALS START	PLUS ADVAN	NCED
IMPORT OR SEND HUNDREDS OF INVOICES AT ONCE		✓	
PAY EMPLOYEES AND FILE SOURCE DEDUCTIONS	Free trial regardless of subscription level, then continue using QuickBooks Online Payroll for an additional monthly fee		
ACCEPT ONLINE AND MOBILE PAYMENTS	QuickBooks Online Payments: pay per use		

# **Navigate QuickBooks Online**

#### LOG INTO QUICKBOOKS ONLINE

To access QuickBooks Online, go to <u>qbo.intuit.com</u> and enter your user ID and password. For easy access, bookmark the login page on your browser. We recommend using Google Chrome when using QuickBooks Online, but you can use many different browsers to access it.

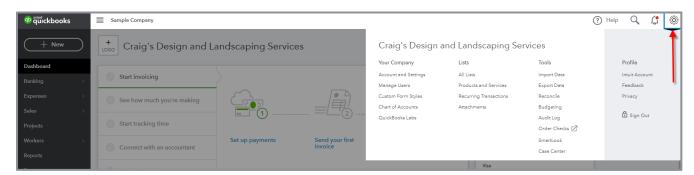
#### SET UP A NEW QUICKBOOKS ONLINE FILE

When you first set up your QuickBooks Online file, you have the option to use the Setup Wizard (go this route if you are starting a brand-new company file from scratch) or you can opt to import an existing QuickBooks Desktop file. If you are going to be importing an existing QuickBooks Desktop file as your starting point, we highly recommend contacting a QuickBooks ProAdvisor certified in QuickBooks Online to do this for you.

#### **GEAR ICON**

The gear icon, located in the upper right-hand corner of QuickBooks Online, contains four sections. All help you manage your QuickBooks Online file:

- Your Company
- Lists
- Tools
- Profile



**HOME PAGE AND GEAR ICON** 

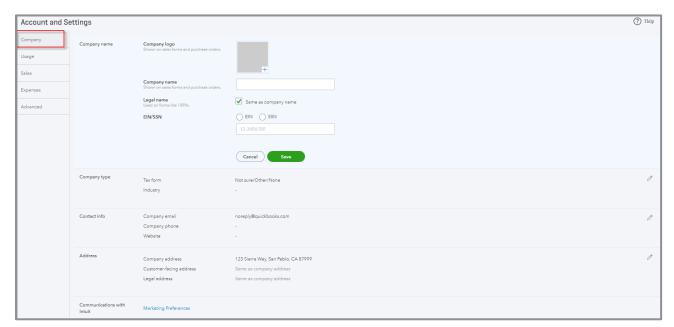
#### The Your Company section contains:

- Account and Settings
- Manage Users
- Custom Form Styles
- Chart of Accounts (addressed later in this guide)
- QuickBooks Labs (addressed later in this guide)

## **ACCOUNT AND SETTINGS (UNDER GEAR ICON)**

Once in Account and Settings, you'll be taken to a screen containing several sections. We see five sections here in the test drive company. The additional sections found in the Account and Settings section of real companies can include Payments, Bill Pay and Apps. Click on the various sections in the left menu.

 Company - Customize your QuickBooks Online file with key information: Company logo, name, address, email address, website, telephone number and EIN



**COMPANY SETTINGS** 

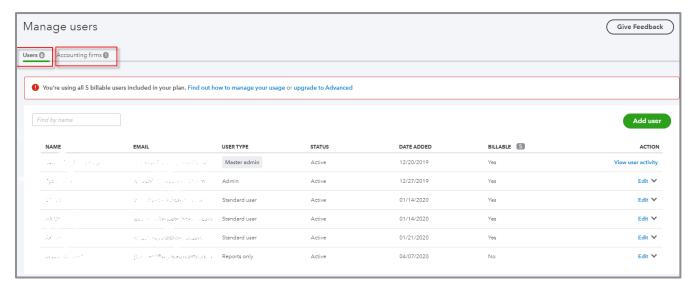
- Usage Tells you how much of your usage limits (if your subscription level has them) you are
  using. Usage limits areas include Billable users, Chart of Accounts, Classes and Locations (either
  of the last two would appear in the Usage area only if Classes and/or Locations were turned on).
- **Sales** Manage how sales transactions are displayed on sales forms. Customize the online delivery of sales forms. Customize the look and feel of sales forms making them your own.
  - In the Customize section, click the button called Customize look and feel
    - Choose the template design. Add your logo. Change color and font.
    - Choose the content for each section of the from: Header, Activity Table and Footer
    - Customize the default email
  - In the Sales form content section you set the default information appearing on your sales forms:
    - Preferred terms and delivery method
    - Turn on Shipping Fields
    - Set up custom fields for sales forms (up to three for sales forms in subscriptions up to QuickBooks Online Plus; you are allowed up to 12 custom fields each for customers, sales, vendors in QuickBooks Online Advanced).
    - Custom transactions numbers
    - Add a service date field
    - Turn on discount & deposit fields
    - Track tips received from customers
  - The Products and Services section activates the quantity and price fields on the sales form. Turn on the inventory feature in QuickBooks Online by selecting Track inventory quantity on hand. The inventory feature is only available in QuickBooks Online Plus and Advanced. It is FIFO (first in first out), as opposed to average cost or LIFO.
  - Price rules can also be turned on in this section.
  - Late fees can be turned on here, then settings for individual customers can be customized.
  - Progress Invoicing can be enabled here; it allows users to create multiple partial invoices from a single estimate
  - In the Messages, Reminders, Online delivery and Statements sections, modify the messages appearing on sales forms. Change the email options. Enable an aging table on the bottom of your customer statements.

- **Expenses** Change how QuickBooks Online manages your expenses. Settings include:
  - Show items table on expense and purchase forms
  - Track expenses and items by customer
  - Make expenses and items billable (Plus and Advanced only)
  - Set default bill payment terms
  - Enable purchase orders (Plus and Advanced only)
  - Set up purchase order custom fields (you are allowed up to three in QuickBooks Online Plus; you are allowed up to 10 custom fields for customers, transactions and vendors in QuickBooks Online Advanced)
  - Purchase order custom transaction numbers
  - Default messages on purchase orders

- Advanced (Note despite its "Advanced" name, this group of settings appears for all subscription levels of QuickBooks Online) This includes various accounting, automation and time-tracking settings along with features enhancing your internal controls:
  - Fiscal and income tax year beginning dates (example: if the year-end is December, enter the first month of January)
  - Select your default accounting method for reports (accrual or cash)
  - Close the books and set a closing date password
  - Select your tax form type
  - Turn on account numbers for the Chart of Accounts.
  - Specify the Discount account
  - Specify the Tips account
  - Specify the Billable expense income account
  - Turn on Class and/or Location tracking (Plus and Advanced only)
  - Automation features such as:
    - Pre-fill forms with previously entered content
    - Automatically apply credits
    - Automatically invoice unbilled activity
    - Automatically apply bill payments
  - Turn on Projects
  - Time tracking options
  - Turn on Multicurrency
  - Date and number formats
  - Select a customer label
  - Option to warn if duplicate transaction numbers are used
  - Duration before user is logged out of QuickBooks Online

## MANAGE USERS (ACCESSED VIA THE GEAR ICON UNDER YOUR COMPANY)

To set up users in QuickBooks Online, click the **gear** icon. Find **Manage Users** under the Your Company column. This feature may not be available in the test drive company.



**MANAGE USERS** 

To add a new regular (non-Accountant) user for the company, make sure you are in the Users tab then click **Add user**. (You must allow pop-ups in your browser to add a new user. In fact, QuickBooks Online requires that pop-up blockers be disabled for the QuickBooks Online website as many tasks are performed in pop-up windows.)

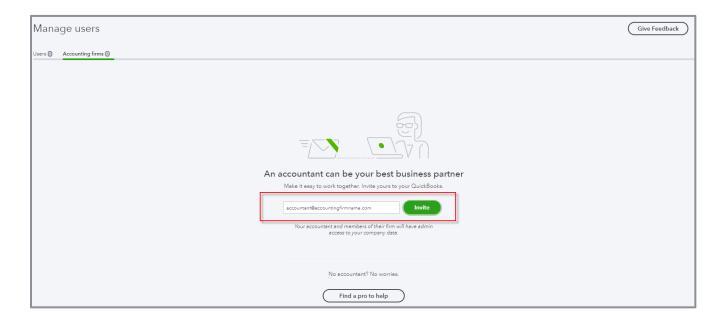
Once the Add a new user window appears, choose the type of user you want to add. Choose from the following types:

- Standard user You control which areas the user can access
  - Choose from All, None or Limited access to
    - Customers and Sales, and/or
    - Vendors and Purchases
  - Choose the user's administrative rights. Allow user management (add, edit and remove users) rights, and the ability to view or edit company information. Choose whether this user will have access to your subscription and billing info.
- Company admin Access to all areas of the program, including settings and full access rights to all other services to which the QuickBooks Online company subscribes including payroll and Intuit payments
- **Reports only** This user logs into a special version of QuickBooks Online giving them access to almost all reports, except payroll and list reports with contact information. You can have unlimited Reports only users with your QuickBooks Online Plus or Advanced subscription. This user type is available only in QuickBooks Online Plus or Advanced.
- Time tracking only The user logs into a special version of QuickBooks Online that only has
  timesheets. Each user fills out their own timesheet. They do not have access to other users'
  timesheets. You can have unlimited Time tracking users with your QuickBooks Online Essentials,
  Plus or Advanced subscription. This user type is only available in QuickBooks Online Essentials,
  Plus or Advanced.

Once you follow the steps to set up the type of user you want, invite the user by entering their name and email address. Once the user is added, they receive an invitation by email with instructions to create a new user account or use their existing Intuit credentials and log into this QuickBooks Online company.

If a user ever forgets their user ID or password, direct them to <u>QBO.intuit.com</u> (the login page). Tell them to click the link **I forgot my user ID or Password** and follow the prompts.

To add your accountant or bookkeeper as a user for your QuickBooks Online company, click the **Accounting firms** tab, enter that person's email address and use the **Invite** button.



You can add up to two accounting/bookkeeping firm users for QuickBooks Online Simple Start, Essentials and Plus companies. QuickBooks Online Advanced companies can invite three accounting/bookkeeping firm users. The Accountant users do *not* count toward your regular company user limit allowed in your subscription choice. Accountant users have access to their clients' books at no charge to them and at no additional charge to their clients.

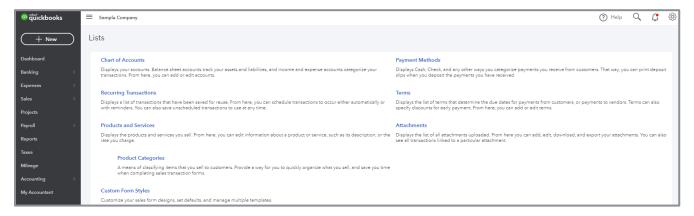
#### **LISTS**

The foundation of QuickBooks Online is the lists the program uses to store information about the accounts, customers, vendors, employees, and products and services used by your company. When these lists are set up and coded properly, the program is simple to use and provides accurate financial information to the user.

The following lists can be accessed under the **gear** icon  $\rightarrow$  **All Lists**:

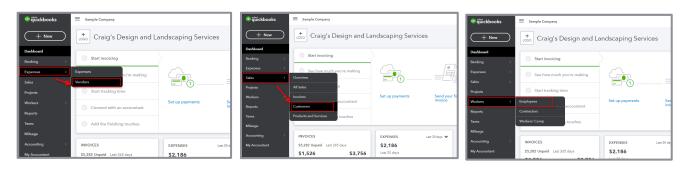
- Chart of Accounts
- Recurring Transactions
- Products and Services
- Product Categories

- Locations
- Custom Form Styles
- Payment Methods
- Terms
- Classes
- Attachments
- Custom Fields (in QuickBooks Online Advanced only)



LISTS (UNDER GEAR ICON)

The Vendor, Customer and Employee lists are found by clicking (or hovering your mouse over) the **Expenses**, **Sales** and **Workers** tabs on the left navigation bar; the appropriate sub-menu will appear and from there you can add, edit or delete list names (vendors from the Vendors sub-menu, customers from the Customers sub-menu, and employees from the Employees sub-menu).



**ACCESS LISTS FOR VENDORS, CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES** 

You can also have sub-lists of items in the Customer Center. For example, if your customer has multiple branches, you can have a parent customer — perhaps the corporate office — with sub-customers for each branch where you sell. These sub-customers can also be "matters" if the QuickBooks Online company is a law firm. You can choose to bill the sub-customer's transactions to the parent or the sub itself. In fact, you can have sub-sub-customers, sub-sub-sub-customers, and sub-sub-sub-customers, going up to five levels deep including the parent customer.

You can also have sub-accounts in your Chart of Accounts. This is a great way to create subtotals on your financial statements to keep track of additional details by choosing either a collapsed or expanded view on reports. Sub-accounts can go five levels deep as well, including the parent account.

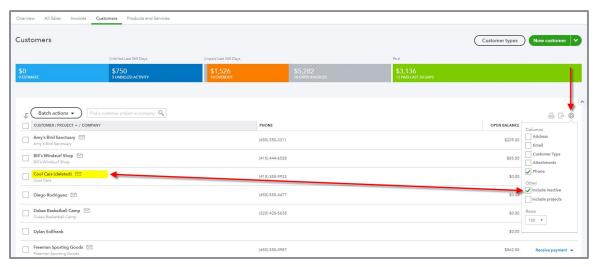
Sometimes you end up with duplicate list names. These duplicates create confusion and inefficiencies in workflow and reports. You can easily merge the two list names and clean up your lists. To merge a list name, click the name you want to eliminate, then click **Edit**. Change the Display Name to match exactly the name of the list name you want to keep, then click **Save**. When you see the following screen pop up, click **Yes**:



It is important to note the merged name is made inactive and not deleted. Deleted list names are never really deleted from QuickBooks Online. If a name is merged with another, all the transactions assigned to the merged name are reassigned to the remaining one. You can delete any list name in QuickBooks Online regardless of whether it's been used in a transaction. It no longer appears in the list menu (unless you specify that the list should also include inactive names). However, the deleted name may still appear on reports if used in a transaction during the reporting period.

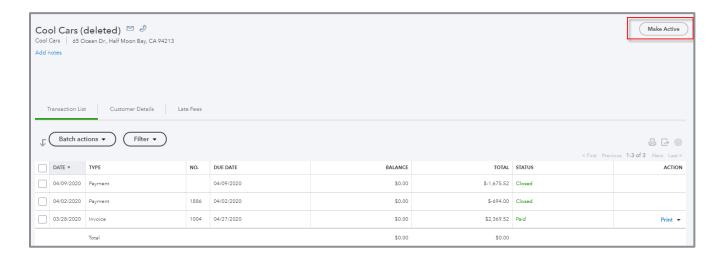
#### To reactivate a deleted list name:

- 1. Go to the **List** center.
- 2. Click on the small gear icon at the top right of the list. Check the box Include inactive.



**INCLUDE INACTIVE LIST ITEMS** 

3. Click on the name to be restored, then click **Make Active**.

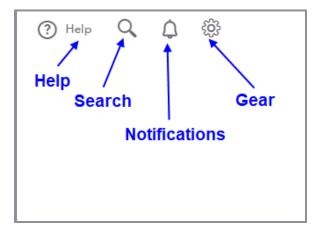


**NOTE:** If you need to merge a subitem, you must first make the subitem a parent (i.e., move it from its original nested location under its parent and make it a parent on its own). Then you can go back and edit the list item to make it a subitem again.

## **TOP NAVIGATION BAR**

The top navigation bar in the top right corner of QuickBooks Online is home to several menus and features including:

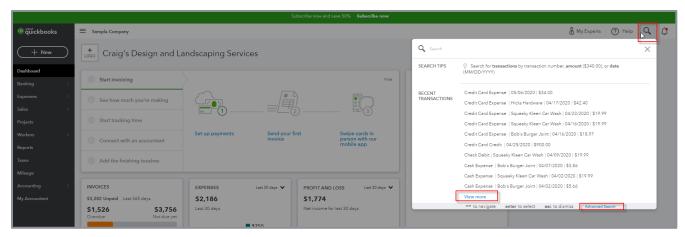
- Help menu
- Search box
- Notifications
- Gear icon



#### **SEARCH TRANSACTIONS**

Click on the **Search Transactions** icon (the magnifying glass) in the top navigation bar to display a list of recent transactions. Click on one of the transactions in the list to open the transaction screen.

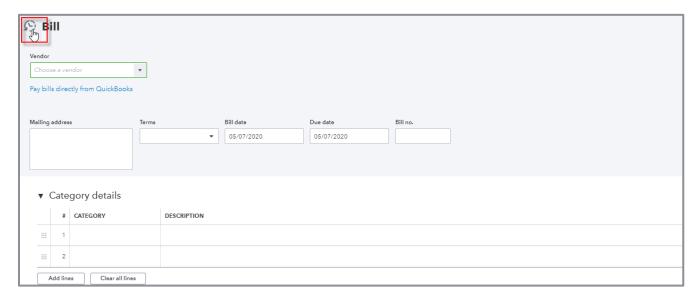
You can choose to **View more** if the list isn't long enough, or you can click **Advanced Search** to search by various parameters (such as date, amount, etc.)



**CLICK SEARCH TRANSACTIONS** 

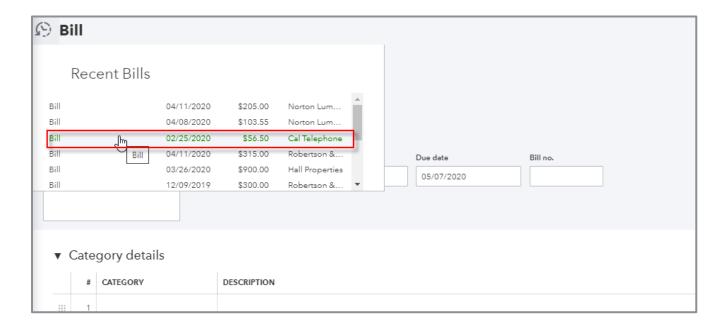
### **RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

Once you are in a screen for a particular transaction type (even a new transaction that has not yet been completed or saved), click the **Recent Transactions** icon (the backward clock) in the top left corner to display a list of recent transactions of this type.



FIND RECENT TRANSACTIONS OF A PARTICULAR TYPE

Click one of the transactions in the list to open the transaction screen.

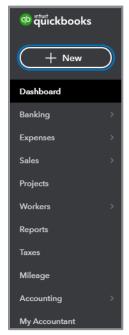


#### **QUICK CREATE**

Clicking **+New** (Plus New) at the top of the left navigation bar displays a list of different transaction-based screens. These include Invoice, Check or Weekly Timesheet. Transactions available in +New are grouped by type (Customers, Vendors, Employees, Other) to which each transaction relates. The Other transactions include Bank Deposit, Transfer, Journal Entry, Statement, Inventory Quantity Adjustment and Pay Down Credit Card.

## **LEFT NAVIGATION BAR**

The left navigation bar (below the +New icon) is divided into 11 tabs:

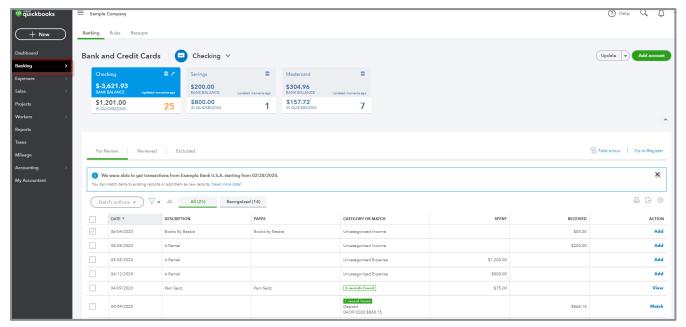


**LEFT NAVIGATION BAR** 

- Dashboard (click this to go back to the screen where you first log in to a QuickBooks Online company)
- Banking
- Expenses
- Sales
- Projects
- Workers
- Reports
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## **Banking**

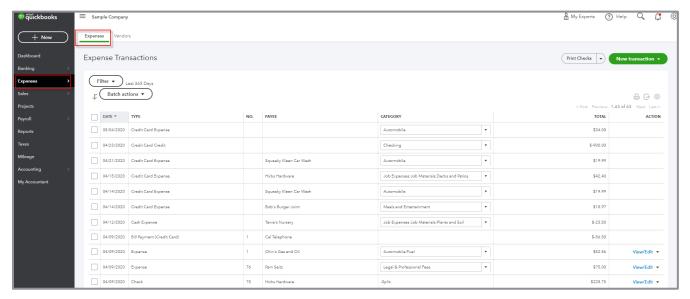
Click **Banking** to open the Banking Center in QuickBooks Online. Here you can connect your bank and credit card accounts and categorize downloaded transactions. Connecting your accounts saves time, reduces manual entry errors and ensures your QuickBooks Online is current. Instead of manually entering the data, let QuickBooks Online get the information for you. You choose whether to add transactions as new items or match them up with items you already entered in QuickBooks Online.



**BANKING CENTER** 

#### **Expenses**

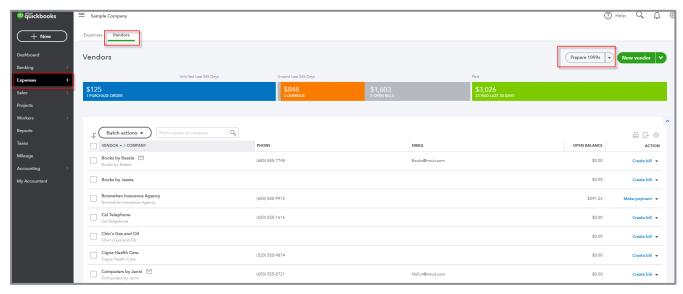
Click **Expenses** in the left navigation bar and you'll see two sub-tabs: Expenses and Vendors. The Expenses sub-tab takes you to the Expenses Center, which can display transactions and details related to purchases and accounts payable.



**EXPENSES CENTER** 

If you click the **Vendors** sub-tab, you'll open the Vendor Center, which lists all the vendors who have been set up and/or used in QuickBooks Online.

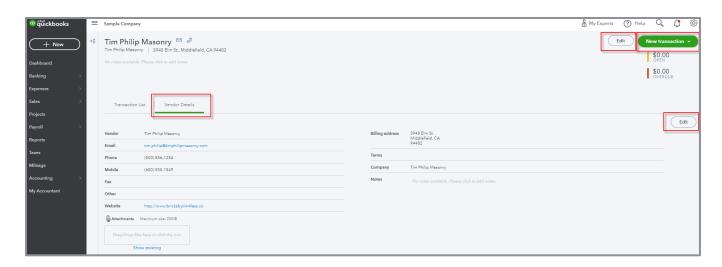
With any subscription level of QuickBooks Online, you can prepare Form 1099 - MISC for applicable vendors by clicking the **Prepare 1099s** button at the top right of the Vendor Center.



**VENDOR CENTER** 

The colorful bar at the top of the Vendor Center is called the money bar. You can click the various colored segments to expand the list of purchase orders, accounts payable and bills that have been paid within the last 30 days.

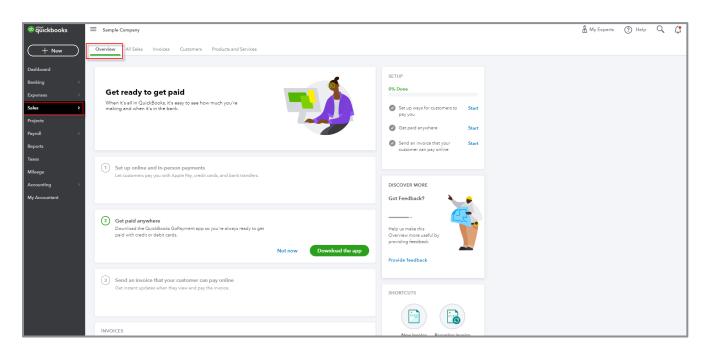
To view the details behind the numbers on the money bar, click the section you want to see. Transactions appear in the grid below. From this list, take an action for each item listed. Click the **Vendor** name. The Vendor Detail screen is displayed. The transaction list shows recent transactions for the vendor. Click **Vendor Details** tab (or one of the Edit buttons) to edit the vendor contact information or add notes. Record a new purchase-related transaction (such as a bill or a check) by clicking the **New Transaction** drop-down at the top right of the screen.



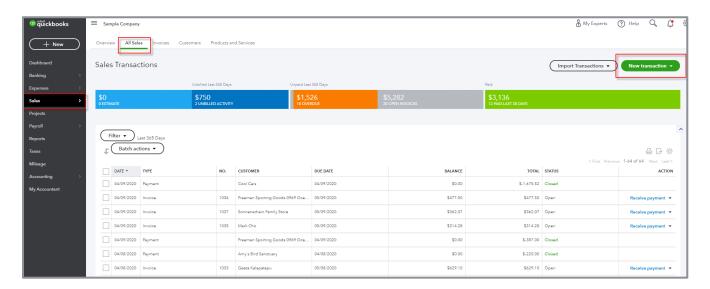
#### Sales

Click **Sales** in the left navigation bar and you'll see five sub-tabs: Overview, All Sales, Invoices, Customers, and Products and Services.

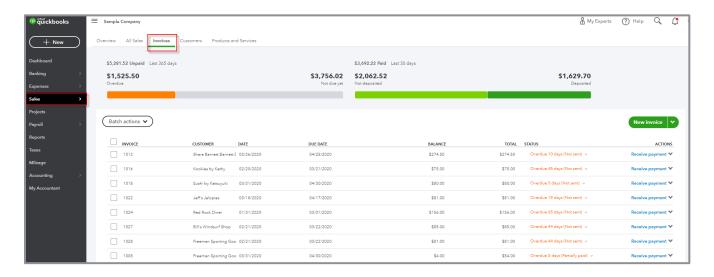
The Overview sub-tab provides you with some setup options as well as shortcuts to certain sales-related transactions and summary information on invoices and accounts receivable.



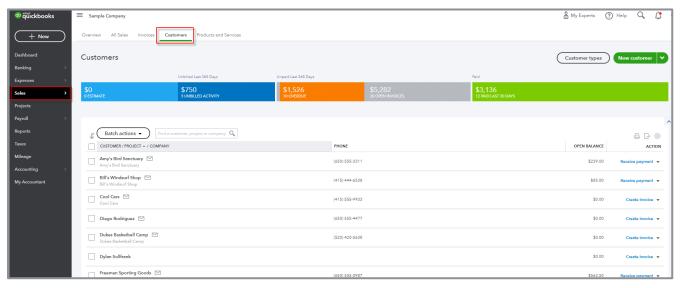
The All Sales sub-tab displays the Sales Center; it looks identical to the Expenses Center except that it displays details and transactions related to sales and accounts receivable. From here you can launch or edit various types of sales-related transactions, including invoices, payments and estimates by clicking the **New Transaction** drop-down at the top right of the screen.



The Invoices sub-tab lists all invoices created, as well as their status. At the top of the Invoices list, you'll see a bar graph of accounts receivable (including what's overdue), as well as accounts receivable payments received in the last 30 days (including what's been deposited).

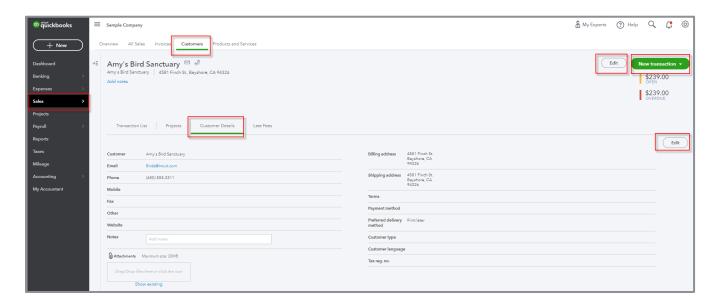


The Customers sub-tab takes you to the Customer Center.



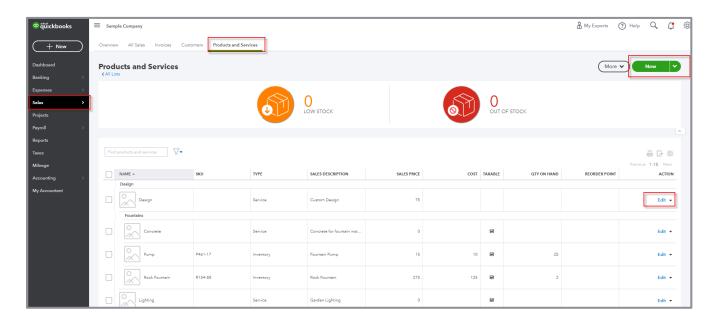
**CUSTOMER CENTER** 

The colorful bar at the top of the Customer Center (and the Sales Center) is also called the money bar, but this one relates to sales-related transactions instead of purchase-related ones in the Vendor Center. Use the money bar to view the status of your receivables, create or view transactions. To view the details behind the numbers on the money bar, click the section you want to see. Transactions appear in the grid below. From this list, take an action for each item listed. Click the **Customer** name. The Customer Detail screen is displayed. The transaction list shows recent transactions for the customer. Click the **Customer Details** tab (or one of the Edit buttons) to edit the customer contact information or add notes. Record a new transaction by clicking the **New Transaction** drop-down at the top right of the screen.



The Products and Services sub-tab takes you to the Products and Services List. There you can see products and services that have been set up in QuickBooks, their types (e.g., inventory, non-inventory, service or bundle items) as well as any product category groupings that have been set up to segregate them, and inventory information for those items that have been set up as inventory in QuickBooks Online Plus or Advanced.

You can edit items in this list or click **New** in the top right to create a new item.



Products and Services will be discussed in greater depth later in this training.

## **Projects**

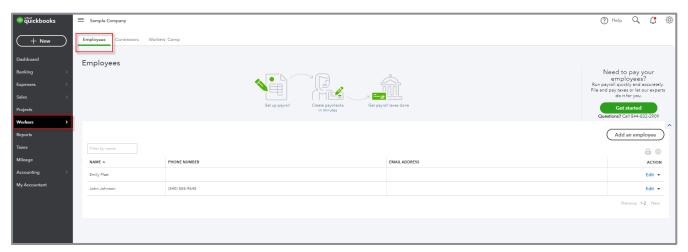
Click **Projects** to open the Projects Center. This area gives you a bird's eye view of your jobs along with all the associated transactions, notes, and reports. This option must be turned on in Account and Settings under the Advanced tab and is only available in QuickBooks Online Plus and Advanced.



**PROJECTS CENTER** 

#### **Workers**

Click **Workers** to open the Employee Center. Sign up for a QuickBooks Payroll subscription and keep track of employee information. Add a payroll subscription to any level of QuickBooks Online. Choose from QuickBooks Online Core, Premium and Elite Payroll.



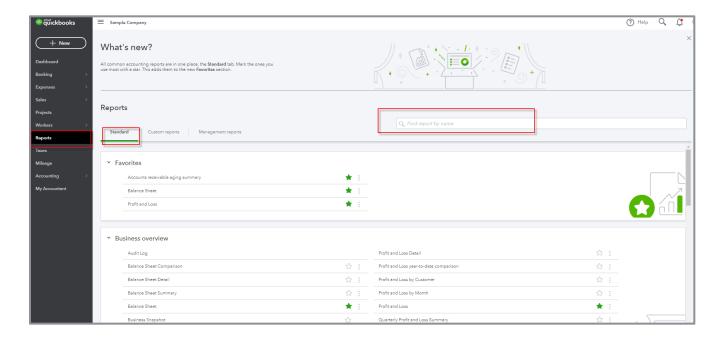
**EMPLOYEE CENTER** 

## **Reports**

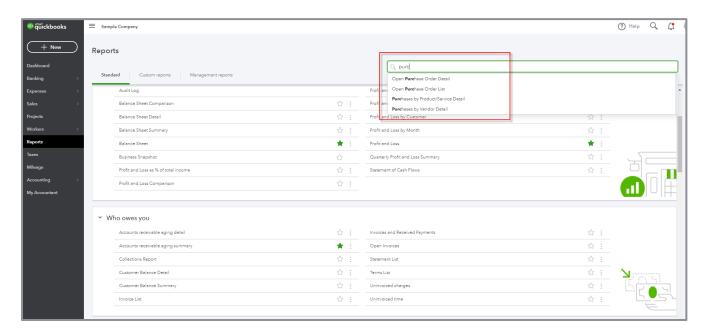
Reports are a listing of all the reports available in QuickBooks Online. They are divided into three sections:

- Standard reports
- Custom reports
- Management reports

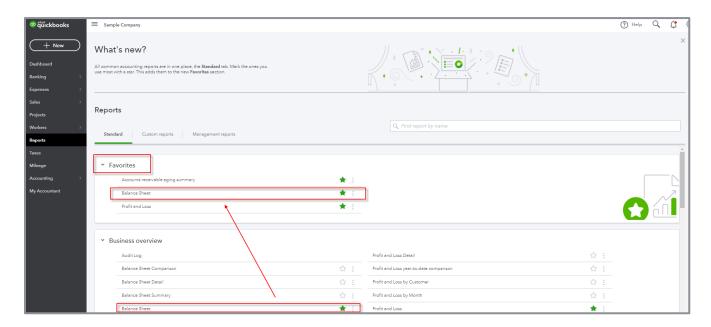
In the Standard sub-tab, the reports that came by default with your subscription level of QuickBooks Online are listed, grouped in categories.



You can scroll down to find the category of reports you want and click the individual report you wish to run, or you can start typing part of the report name in the search bar at the top right, and QuickBooks will list the available reports that contain that string, then click the correct report in the drop-down. Regardless of how you find the report, when you click the report name, the report opens.



You can also click the green star outline to the right of any report name in its subcategory. That turns the star solid green and adds that report to the top subcategory, Favorites, for easy access:

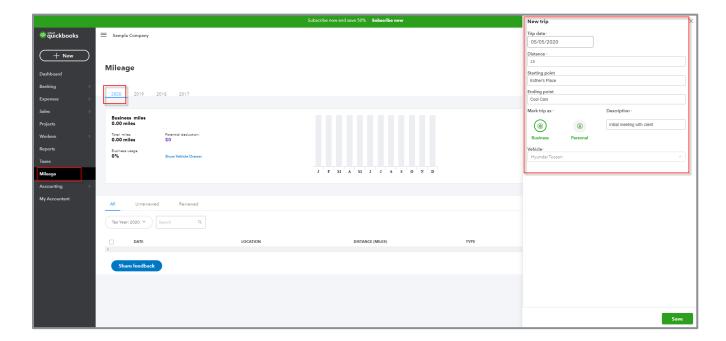


#### **Taxes**

- Sales Tax Opens the Sales Tax Center to set up and manage your sales tax settings and payments
- Payroll Tax Opens the Payroll Tax Center to set up and manage your payroll tax settings and payments when using QuickBooks Online Payroll

### Mileage

Click **Mileage** to go to the Mileage menu. You can add mileage for various trips in this section, and, if you've been using the QuickBooks mobile app to track mileage automatically, those trips will appear here. Trips can be categorized as business or personal in the mobile app as well as in this section of QuickBooks Online on the web. You can set up different vehicles if necessary.



# **Accounting**

Click **Accounting** to go to the Reconcile and Chart of Accounts menus. This is just one of several access points for these functions in QuickBooks.

# My Accountant

Click **My Accountant** to allow collaboration with your accountant (if you have one or more Accountant users in QuickBooks Online). You can view and respond to your accountant's requests as well as upload documents safely.

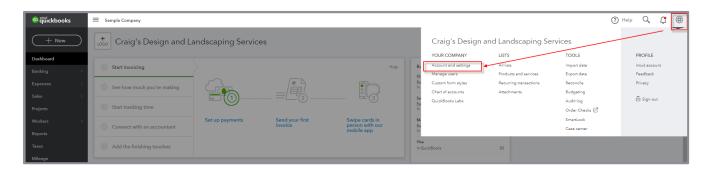
# **Chart of Accounts**

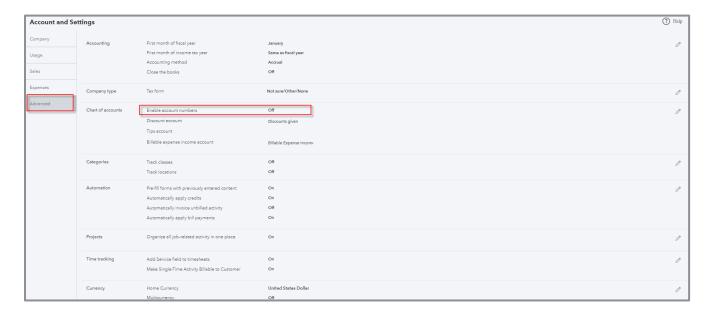
Proper setup of the Chart of Accounts is essential to produce useful and meaningful reports in QuickBooks Online.

When first setting up your QuickBooks company, QuickBooks Online creates a Chart of Accounts based on the industry you choose. (This is the case unless you import an existing QuickBooks Desktop company file. In that case, your Chart of Accounts would be the same one used in the QuickBooks Desktop file.)

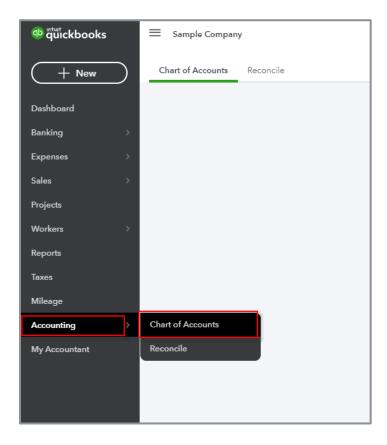
As you set up your Chart of Accounts, follow these steps to get started:

1. Decide if you will use account numbers. If so, enable them using the Advanced tab in Account and Settings (accessed by clicking the **gear** icon).

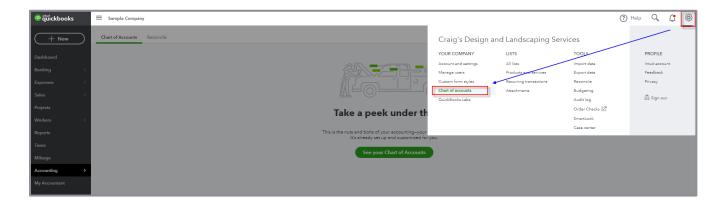




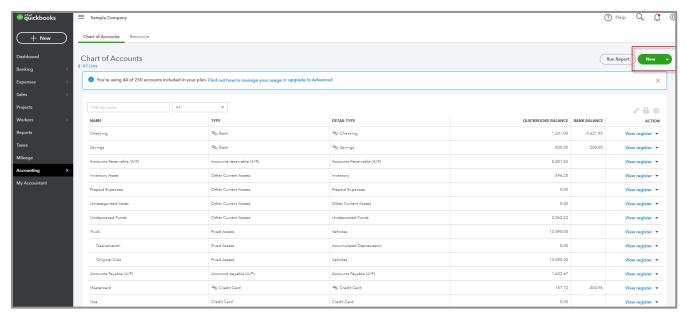
2. Open the Chart of Accounts by clicking **Accounting** in the left navigation bar, then click **Chart of Accounts**.



Another way to access the Chart of Accounts is to click the **gear** icon, then select **Chart of Accounts**.

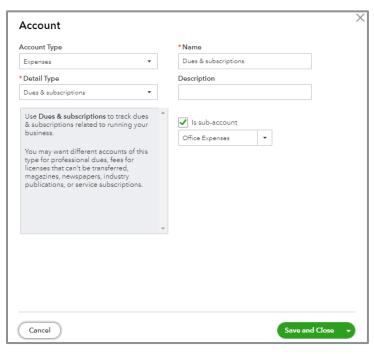


If this is your first time opening the Chart of Accounts in this company, you'll be prompted to click **See your Chart of Accounts**.



**CHART OF ACCOUNTS** 

- 3. To create a new account on the Chart of Accounts, click **New** in the top right corner to open the Account window.
- 4. Choose the **Account Type**. The account type is the general account type (e.g., Bank, Accounts Receivable, Long Term Liabilities, Equity, Income, Expenses, etc.).
- 5. Choose the **Detail Type**. The detail type is important when planning to use the Books-To-Tax tool with Intuit Tax Online. It references line items on the tax return. Selecting a **Detail Type** also prefills the Name field.
- 6. Enter an appropriate name for the account you are creating. Assign an account number if you have chosen to use account numbers. Give it a description, if desired. The Description field is *not* required.
- 7. If the account is a sub-account of another account, check the box choosing the appropriate parent account from the drop-down box.
- 8. The More info on opening balances box (which would appear in the case of Balance Sheet accounts) should *not* be used in most cases. When an amount is put in this box, an offsetting debit or credit is made to an account called Opening Balance Equity. This may cause major issues when reconciling the account later! (You should speak with a QuickBooks ProAdvisor if you need more insight.)
- 9. When finished, click Save and Close (or Save and New to create another account).



**CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS** 

To edit the number or name of an existing account in your Chart of Accounts, open the Chart of Accounts and click the **pencil** icon at the top right of the list. This opens a grid format allowing you to change the name and account number without opening the edit screen for each account.



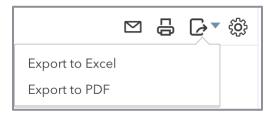
To print the Chart of Accounts click the **printer** icon (also on the top right of the list).



To export the Chart of Accounts to Microsoft Excel® click the **Run Report** button in the top-right corner of the Chart of Accounts screen, next to the New button.

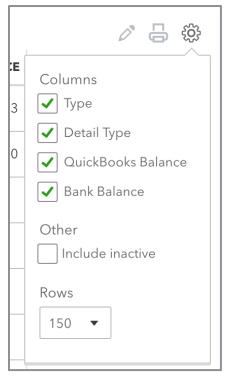


Once the report is created, it can be exported to Excel or PDF by clicking the **export** icon.



**EXPORT ICON** 

To modify the columns displayed on the Chart of Accounts, click the small **gear** icon to the top right of the list.

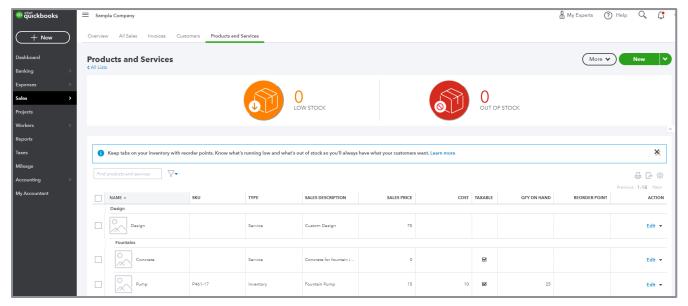


**SMALL GEAR ICON** 

Every balance sheet account in the Chart of Accounts (except Retained Earnings) has a register. Click **View Register** to see the transactions in that account.

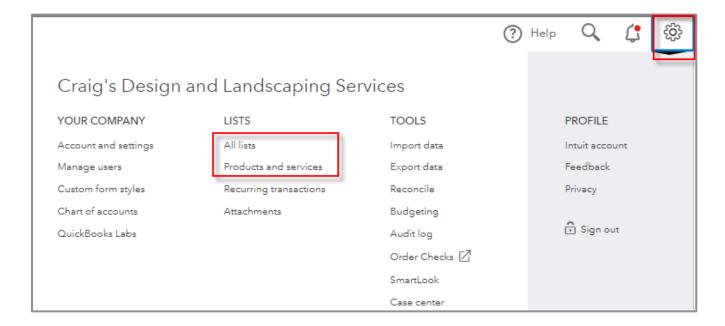
#### **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

The Products and Services list contains the products and services appearing on your purchase and sales transactions. Each product or service must be mapped to an account in the Chart of Accounts. Each time a product or service is used in a transaction, an accounting entry is made behind the scenes using the mapping information associated with the product or service.



**PRODUCTS AND SERVICES LIST** 

To get to the Products and Services list, use the **gear** icon in the top navigation bar and click **Products and services**. (It is also available by clicking the **gear** icon → **All lists**.)

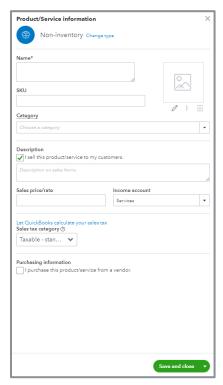


As discussed earlier, the Products and Services list can also be accessed by clicking **Sales** in the left navigation bar, then clicking the **Products and Services** sub-tab.

To create a new product or service:

- 1. Click the **New** button at the top right of your Products and Services list.
- 2. Select which type of product or service you are creating:
  - Inventory Items you buy and/or sell and track quantities
  - Non-Inventory Items you buy and/or sell but don't need to (or can't) track quantities
  - Service Services you provide to customers
  - Bundle Collection of products and services you sell together (e.g., a gift basket)

**NOTE:** Inventory items are available only in QuickBooks Online Plus and Advanced subscriptions, and inventory tracking has to be turned on in the Account and Settings as well. We will cover turning on inventory tracking later in this training.



**CREATION OF A PRODUCT/SERVICE WINDOW** 

3. Choose a **Name** for your product or service. If you are using stock keeping units (SKUs), enter one in the **SKU** field.

- 4. Use the **Category** field, if desired, to segregate this product or service into a particular Product Category.
- 5. If applicable, you can add a picture of the product or service here.
- 6. If this product or service is going to appear on sales forms (as the vast majority of products and services will), make sure you check the box next to **I sell this product/service to my customers**. This ensures various fields related to this product or service appear on sales forms.
- 7. Enter a default description to pop up on sales forms for this product or service, if desired. Default descriptions can be overwritten or wiped out on an individual sales form.
- 8. Enter the **Sales price/rate**. Choose the appropriate **Income account**. Check the box if the item is subject to sales tax. If the price changes, leave it blank. You will fill in the price on the individual sales receipts or invoices.
- 9. Notice there are two sections to consider when creating a product or service: one for Sales information (the fields you filled in up until now) and one for Purchasing information. Check both boxes if you want to track profitability of your product or service. Once the box I purchase this product/service from a vendor is checked, a description box appears for purchases along with fields for the cost and expense account. This "two-sided" feature is available in the Plus and Advanced subscriptions only. Create two-sided items (each one is mapped to an income account when selling and expense accounts when buying), so one item name for both purchases and sales of a particular product or service.

#### PRODUCT CATEGORIES IN QUICKBOOKS ONLINE

Product Categories serve two purposes:

- All product/services of the same category are totaled on your reports
- Using Categories makes data entry easier. If a category name for the parent is chosen (for example Candles), then add a product/service for each type of candle you sell and choose the category name in the sales form. The product/service will be listed below it. This can make finding items faster, especially if you have a lot of them! This method results in a much cleaner and more concise product and services list and allows for more robust reporting capabilities.

#### INVENTORY TRACKING IN QUICKBOOKS ONLINE

To activate inventory tracking in QuickBooks Online Plus or Advanced, enable it under the **gear** icon  $\rightarrow$  **Account and Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Sales**  $\rightarrow$  **Products and Services**  $\rightarrow$  **Track inventory quantity on hand**. QuickBooks Online values inventory using the first-in, first-out, or FIFO method. It is important to note all versions of QuickBooks Desktop use the weighted average cost method of inventory valuation, except QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions with Advanced Inventory, which allows the user to choose between weighted average cost and FIFO.

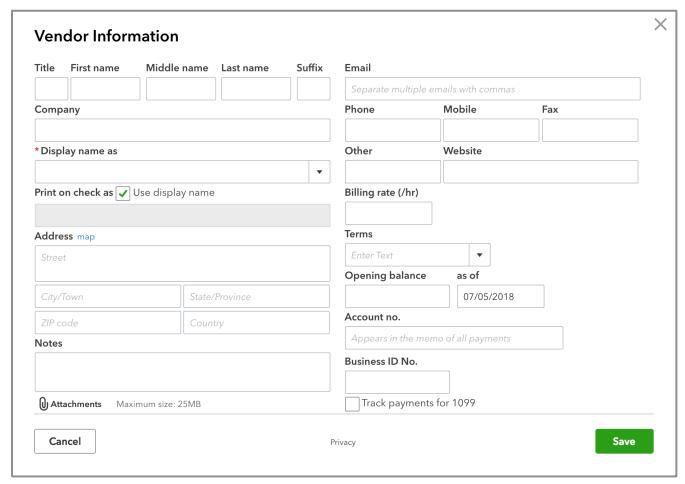
Features of inventory tracking include:

- Quantity available can been seen on sales forms
- Adjustments to Inventory, including starting values, date and quantity, and batch adjustments (adjusting multiple products at one time)
- Physical Inventory Worksheet report

# **Vendors and Expense / Purchase Transactions**

#### **CREATE A VENDOR**

Navigate to the Vendor Center (click **Expenses** on the left navigation bar and select the **Vendors** sub-tab). Click the green **New Vendor** button at the top right of the screen. Enter the required information about your vendor: name, address and other contact information. If tracking billable time, enter the Billing rate here. You can store the vendor's Business ID number as well. And, with any QuickBooks Online subscription level, you can click the box to **Track payments for 1099** reporting.



**NEW VENDOR WINDOW** 

Vendors can be created on the fly. Create a new vendor during the process of entering a purchase transaction. To do this, select **Add New** from the drop-down box in the Payee/Vendor field of a purchase transaction (such as expenses, checks, and bills).

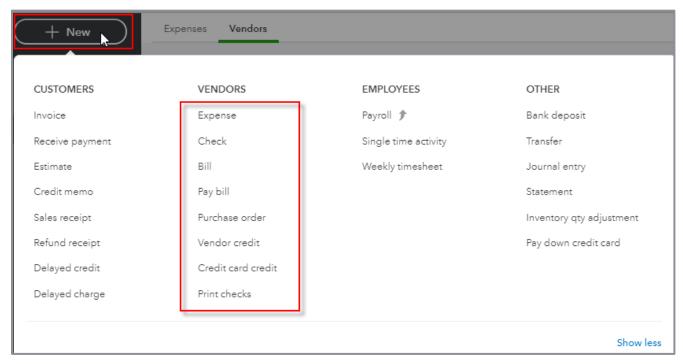
## **CREATE EXPENSE/PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS**

There are seven types of expense/purchase transactions available to use in QuickBooks Online:

- Expense
- Check
- Bill
- Pay Bill
- Purchase Order
- Vendor Credit
- Credit Card Credit
- Print Checks

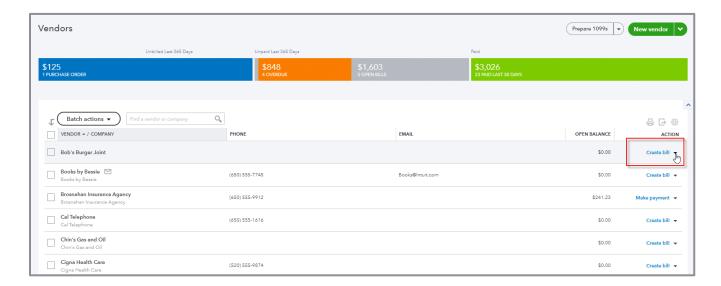
The three main ways to create these transactions are:

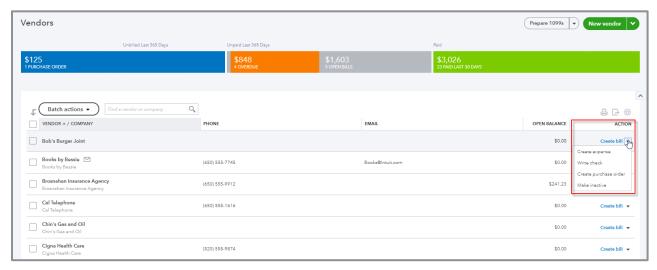
Use +New at the top of the left navigation bar



**CREATE A TRANSACTION USING +NEW** 

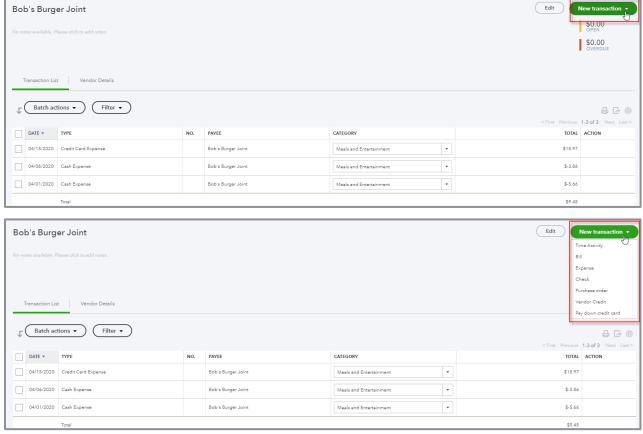
• Open the Vendor Center and select one of the **Action** types available in the far-right column of each vendor's listing (click the **drop-down** if necessary)





**CREATE A TRANSACTION USING THE VENDOR CENTER** 

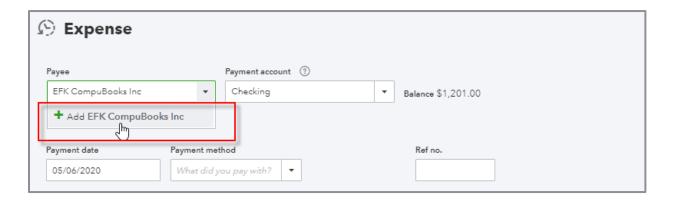
lacktriangle Open the Vendor Center lacktriangle open a vendor profile lacktriangle click **New transaction** 

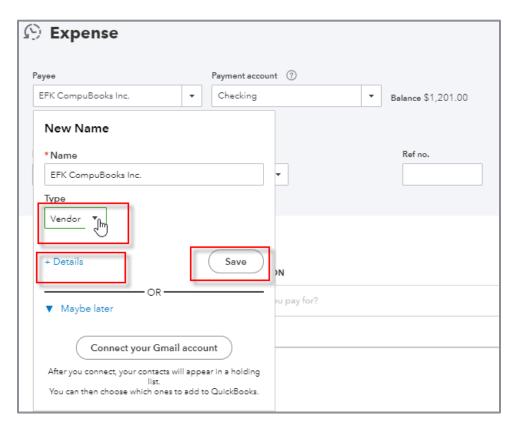


CREATE A TRANSACTION FROM WITHIN A VENDOR'S PROFILE

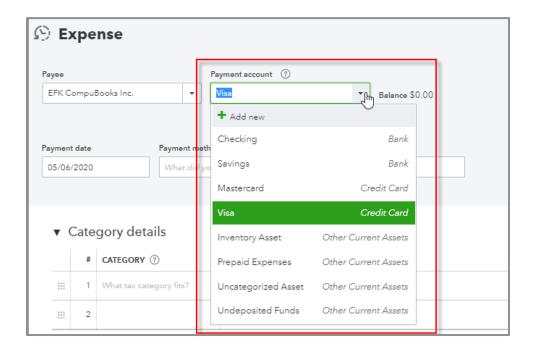
When creating an expense, check or bill transaction follow these steps:

1. Select or type in a **Payee** (Vendor) if one has not pre-filled for you. (If the name does not exist in QuickBooks, you will be prompted to add that name on the fly to the list of vendors. Next specify it is a **Vendor** from the drop-down, then choose whether to add **Details** now or **Save** the name to add details later.)

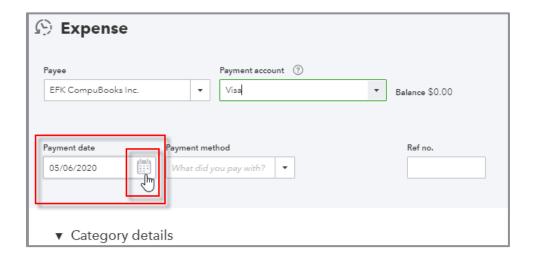


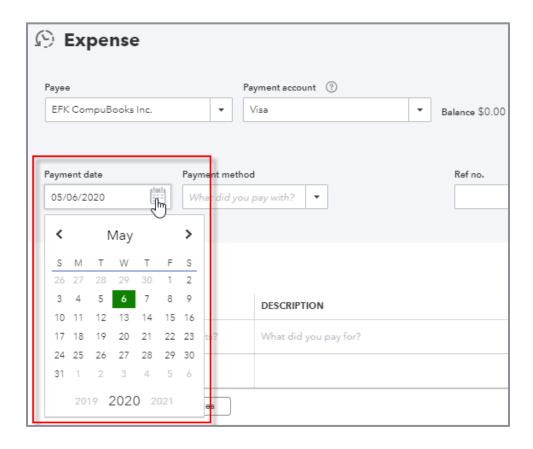


2. If it is an expense or check transaction, select the appropriate **Payment account** the transaction is affecting, typically a checking or credit card account. (If it is a bill, QuickBooks knows you are affecting Accounts Payable and will not provide a field for that account.)



3. Enter (or choose) the appropriate **Date** for the transaction. You can click the **calendar** icon in the date field and a calendar will pop up from which to choose a date.





- The default date is the last date used on the previous transaction entered
- If entering an expense transaction, use the date of the expense from your checking or credit card account statement
- If you are entering a check transaction, use the date written on the check
- If you are entering a bill, use the date of the vendor bill; bill transactions also have fields for entering Terms and Due Dates
- 4. Enter a **Reference** number for the transaction if appropriate (i.e., check number or vendor bill number).

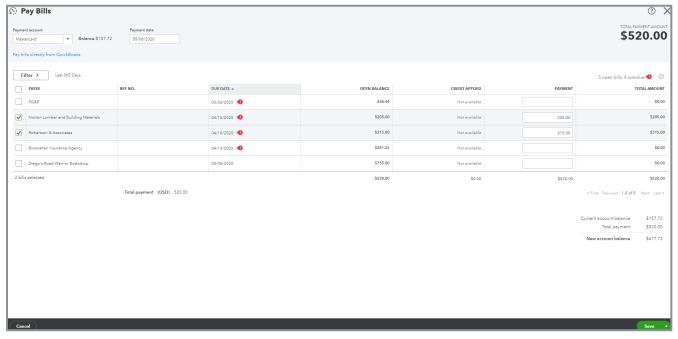
- 5. If you set up and use Product/Service items within your QuickBooks Online file, use the **Item details** section (the lower section) of the transaction screen to record the remaining details (you may have to click the sideways caret to expand a section):
  - Product/Service item (required)
  - Description (optional)
  - Quantity (optional)
  - Rate (optional)
  - Amount (required)
  - Billable (if activated and appropriate)
  - Tax (if you plan to charge sales tax when billing this back to a customer)
  - Customer (if using the Billable field)
- 6. If you are not using a Product/Service item to record the transaction, use the **Category details** section (the top section) to record the remaining details. (You can use both the **Item details** and **Category details** sections in a transaction):
  - Account (required)
  - Description (optional)
  - Amount (optional)
  - Billable (if activated and appropriate)
  - Tax (if you plan to charge sales tax when billing this back to a customer)
  - Customer (if using the Billable field)



**ENTER AN EXPENSE TRANSACTION** 

#### **PAY BILLS**

If you create a bill transaction, you must eventually relieve that bill by using a pay bills transaction. Here's the Bill Payment screen for two bills that were previously created:



**PAY A BILL** 

The most important thing to remember about bills is if you create one, you must record a pay bill transaction to record the payment of that bill. *Do not* use a check or expense transaction to record payment of a bill entered in QuickBooks Online. If you do, accounts payable is overstated on your balance sheet and expenses are too high on your income statement.

The three ways to pay a bill are:

- Use +New at the top of the left navigation bar and select Pay bill
- Open the Vendor Center and select the **Make payment** option in the far-right column of each vendor's listing
- Open the Vendor Center → open a vendor profile → locate an open (unpaid) bill → select the
   Make payment option in the far-right column

Don't forget to enter the payment account as well as the date. If you are partially paying any bill, enter the payment amount because it is less than the full amount outstanding.

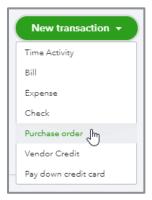
#### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

To activate the purchase order transaction in a QuickBooks Online Plus or Advanced company, go to the **gear** icon  $\rightarrow$  **Account and Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Expenses**  $\rightarrow$  **Use purchase orders**.

Purchase orders should be created only if a vendor asks you to submit a purchase order or if you want to keep track of orders placed that will be billed to you on a future date.

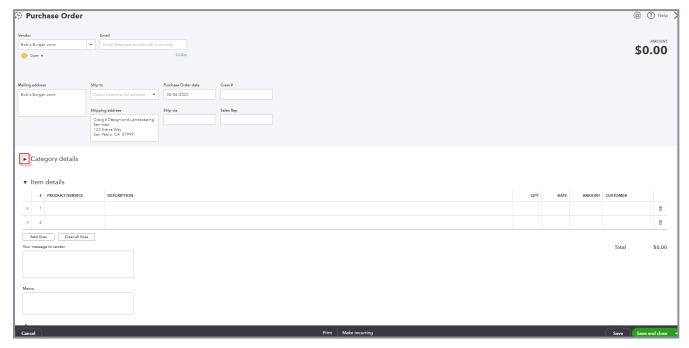
The three ways to create a purchase order are:

- Click +New at the top of the left navigation bar and select Purchase order
- Open the Vendor Center and select the Create purchase order option available in the far-right column of each vendor's listing
- Open the Vendor Center → open a vendor profile → select New transaction in the top right → Purchase order



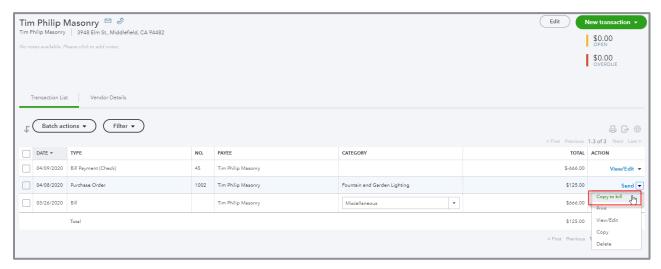
CREATE A PURCHASE ORDER FROM WITHIN A VENDOR'S PROFILE

As is the case in expense, check and bill transactions, choose using the Category details and Item details sections (or both) to record the transaction. Click the **sideways arrow** to expand a section that is not open:

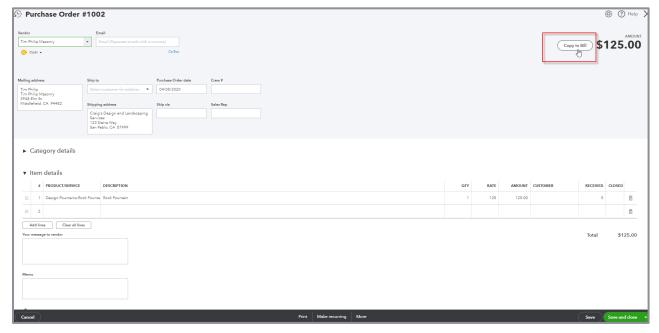


**CREATE A PURCHASE ORDER** 

Creating a purchase order does not create or post an accounting transaction to your books. Once products/services on the purchase order are received by your company (or you receive the bill related to the purchase order from the vendor) a transaction has now taken place. Open the vendor's profile. Locate the open purchase order. Under the Action column, choose **Copy to Bill** (or open the purchase order and choose **Copy to Bill** in the top right corner).



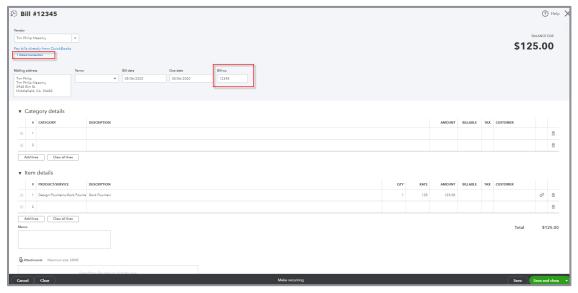
**CONVERT A PURCHASE ORDER TO A BILL** 



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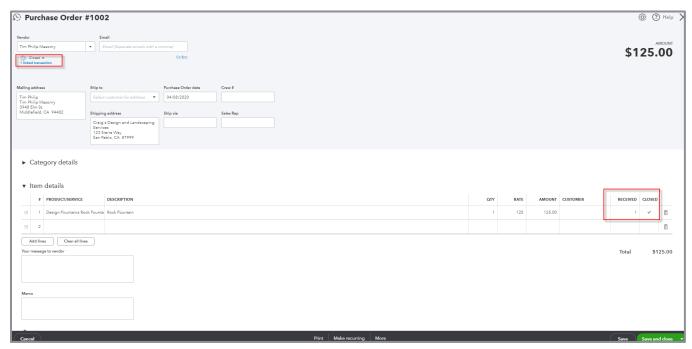
This opens a bill transaction screen with the details from the purchase order populated for you. You'll want to add the bill number and make any necessary changes such as the date and memo. (If you are using the Item details section and have ordered a particular number of a product or service, you can change the number if you have received and are being billed for a smaller number; this means that the remainder would be backordered.) Now the transaction posts to your books.

The new bill and the pre-existing purchase order are now linked to each other.



**BILL RESULTING FROM A PURCHASE ORDER** 

If you open the original purchase order, you'll see the items have been received.



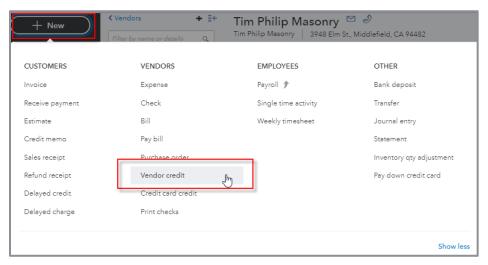
ORIGINAL PURCHASE ORDER AFTER BILL CREATED

## **VENDOR CREDIT AND CREDIT CARD CREDITS**

Use a vendor credit to record refunds/credits received from vendors.

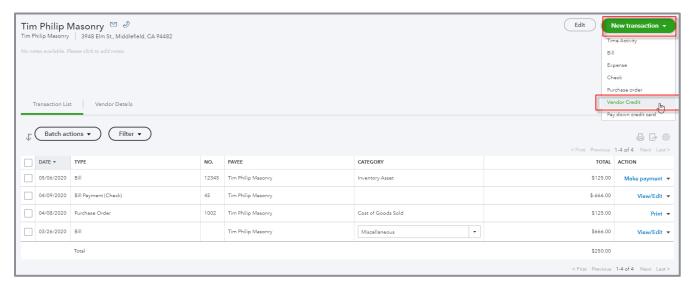
The two ways to create a vendor credit are:

Choose +New at the top of the left navigation bar then select Vendor credit



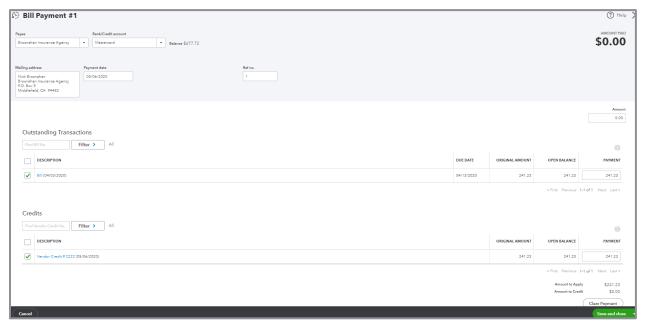
**CREATE VENDOR CREDIT FROM +NEW WINDOW** 

Open the Vendor Center; open a vendor profile → select New transaction in the top right → Vendor credit



**CREATE VENDOR CREDIT FROM VENDOR CENTER** 

After recording a credit, apply it to a bill to "use" the credit. Open the bill to apply the credit. Click **Make payment** in the top right corner. In paying the bill, select the credit you wish to apply to the bill. The amount due for the bill decreases by the amount of the applied credit.



APPLY A VENDOR CREDIT TO AN OPEN BILL

- Use a credit card credit to record returns/credits processed per your credit card statement
- To create a credit card credit, use +New at the top of the left navigation bar
- Just as with an expense transaction, remember to make sure you have the correct payment account chosen at the top (e.g., Visa or checking account).

For both types of credit transactions (vendor credits and credit card credits), choose between the Account details or the Item details sections to record the credit.

# Time Tracking for Employees and Subcontractors

Time can be tracked for employees and subcontractors (set up as vendors) within QuickBooks Online. Tracked time can be used to invoice customers, run payroll and pay subcontractors.

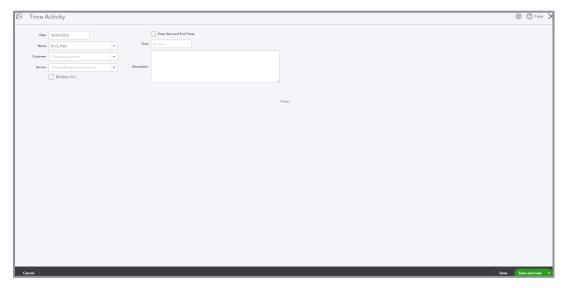
There are two types of time tracking forms employees and subcontractors use: Single time activity and Weekly timesheet. Both forms are available using +New at the top of the left navigation bar.



When tracking time, the user must enter a name (employee or vendor), date, service and time at a minimum.

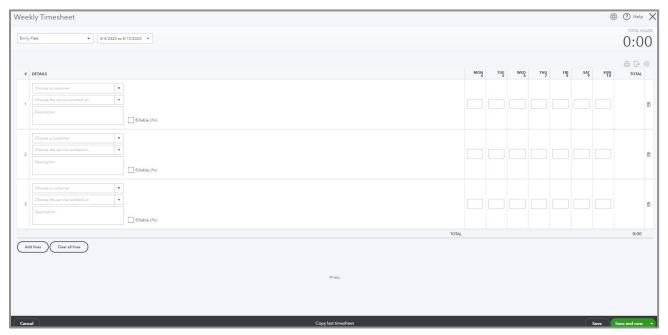
- The description box will pre-populate with boilerplate text once a **Service** is selected, based on the product/service item setup. The user can override this description or add additional description details.
- If tracking billable time is desired, the user enters the appropriate Customer Name and checks the Billable box

 Time can be entered as a figure, or the Enter Start and End Times box can be checked altering the form screen to display start and end time boxes as well as a box to record time spent on break



SINGLE TIME ACTIVITY SCREEN

The Weekly timesheet works the same way as the Single time activity form. It allows a user to enter time for multiple days, services and/or customers. The user can change the week by using the **drop-down** box next to the **Name** field.



**WEEKLY TIMESHEET SCREEN** 

# **Customers and Sales Transactions**

#### **CREATE CUSTOMERS**

Click **Sales** on the left navigation bar, then navigate to the **Customers** tab to open the Customer Center.

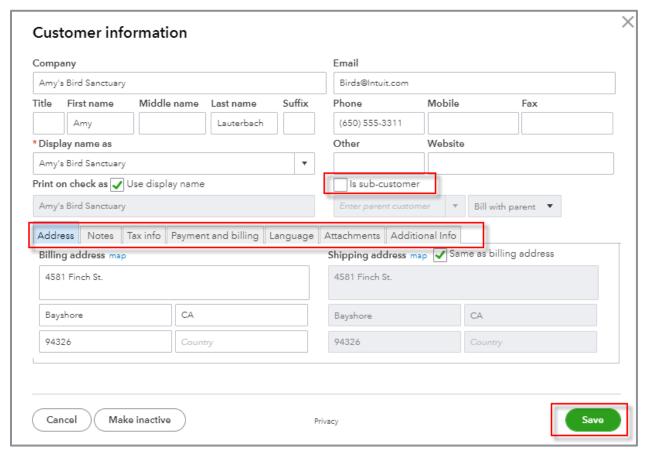
To create a new customer, click **New Customer** at the top right of the screen. On the next screen, enter information about your customer including name, address and other contact information.

It is a good idea to enter as much information as you can when initially setting up a customer to utilize the full power of the QuickBooks Online database when creating reports and working with your list data. It saves time up front to skip fields, but you may regret it later when your lists aren't complete!

There are seven tabs at the bottom left of the screen:

- Address Populate the customer's billing and shipping addresses
- Notes Enter notes about your customer, such as product specifications or shipping account info
- **Tax info** If you must collect sales tax on certain transactions, set the default sales tax code for that customer and store an exempt customers tax resale number
- Payment and billing Enter preferred payment, delivery methods and payment terms. This
  information is used as default for this customer when creating their sales transactions.
- Language You can elect to send invoices to this client in one of six languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese (traditional), and Portuguese (Brazil)
- Attachments Attach documents relating to your customer like an engagement letter, a signed contract or a lease
- Additional Info Specify the Customer Type

Once you have completed all the fields for your customer, click **Save**. Your customer is added.



**CREATE A NEW CUSTOMER** 

Vendors can be created on the fly. Create a new vendor during the process of entering a sales transaction. To do this, select **Add New** from the drop-down box in the **Customer** field of a sales transaction (such as invoices, credit memos, and estimates).

Create sub-customers by clicking the **Is sub-customer** box and selecting a **Parent** customer. Indicate whether to bill the sub-customer directly or bill it with the Parent customer.

Using sub-customers is how job costing is facilitated within QuickBooks Online.

# **CREATE SALES TRANSACTIONS**

There are eight types of sales transactions available to use in QuickBooks Online:

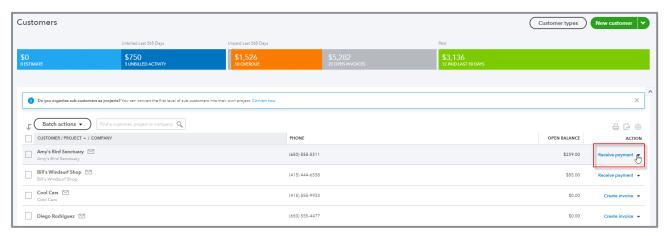
- Invoice
- Receive Payment (against an invoice)
- Estimate
- Credit Memo
- Sales Receipt
- Refund Receipt
- Delayed Credit
- Delayed Charge

The three main ways to create these transactions are:

Use +New in the left navigation bar

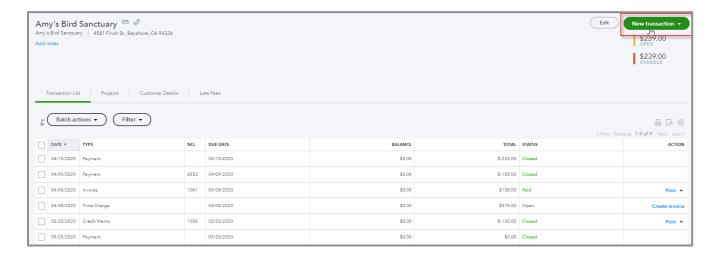


• Open the **Customer Center** then select one of the **Actions** available in the far-right column of each customer's listing (click the **drop-down** if necessary)



**CREATE A SALES TRANSACTION FROM THE CUSTOMER CENTER** 

## ● Open the **Customer Center** → open a customer profile → **New transaction** button





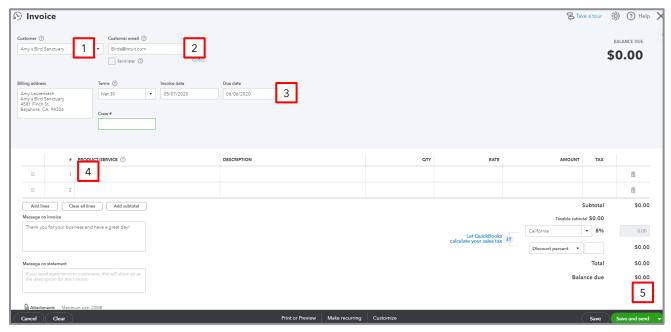
CREATE A SALE TRANSACTION FROM WITHIN A CUSTOMER'S PROFILE

#### **INVOICES**

Invoices are used when selling a product/service and are paid by the customer at some point after the sale. To create an invoice, follow these steps:

- 1. Select a customer if one has not pre-filled for you (or you can create a new customer on the fly).
- 2. Enter an **email address** for the customer (unless it is populated for you from the customer profile). This step is necessary only when emailing the invoice to the customer. You can also include a carbon copy (cc) or blind copy (bcc) when you send an invoice email.
- 3. Enter the appropriate **Terms**, **Invoice Date** and **Due Date** for the transaction (if you have completed the Terms section in the Payment and billing tab of the customer's profile, the Terms and Due Date will pre-fill for you).
- 4. Select the appropriate **Product/Service** items from within your QuickBooks Online file (although new items can be set up on the fly in the middle of this transaction). Record the remaining details in the fields provided:
  - Description (optional)
  - Quantity (optional)
  - Rate (optional)
  - Amount (required)
  - Tax (if the product/service you have selected is subject to sales tax); be sure to select the appropriate Sales Tax Rate using the drop-down box below the Taxable subtotal
  - Discount (apply if appropriate)

5. Select **Save**, **Save and send** (this emails the invoice to the customer), **Save and New** (if you plan to create additional invoices) or **Save and Close**.



**CREATE AN INVOICE** 

6. After saving, you can always return to an invoice to print a packing slip. Select **Print** or **Preview** choosing **Print packing slip**.

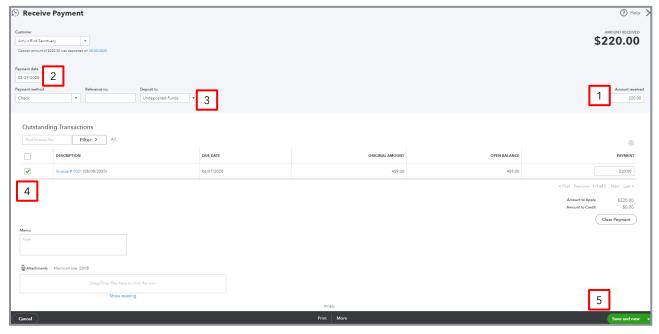
#### **RECEIVE PAYMENT**

Once you have received the money from a customer for one or more outstanding invoices, apply the money to the open invoice(s). This closes the invoice(s) in QuickBooks Online.

If you don't enter a Receive Payment transaction against an invoice but record a Deposit or Sales Receipt transaction instead, accounts receivable is overstated on the balance sheet. Revenue is too high on your income statement. You may pay more in income taxes!

Once you populate the **Customer** field on a Receive Payment transaction, a list of all open invoices appears on the Receive Payment screen. To complete the Receive Payment transaction:

- 1. Enter the amount of payment received into the **Amount Received** field.
- 2. Make sure the correct date is pre-filled in the **Payment Date** field.
- 3. In the Deposit to field, select **Undeposited Funds** if this payment, along with other payments received, is deposited to the bank in a batch. Select the appropriate bank account if this payment is the only payment going to the bank and this singular amount will appear as your deposit on your bank statement. (This is a "sticky" field. Be sure to check it each time if changing where the money is deposited.)
- 4. Click on the invoice(s) the payment is paying.
- 5. Click Save and new or Save and close.

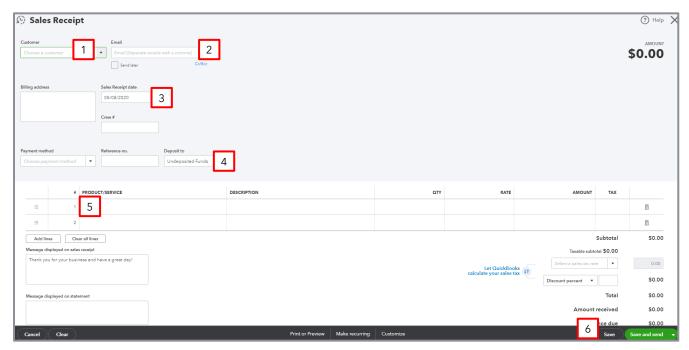


**RECEIVE PAYMENT AGAINST AN INVOICE** 

# **SALES RECEIPTS**

Sales receipts are used when selling a product/service to a customer and receiving payment at the same time. A sales receipt combines an invoice and receive payment transaction into a single sales event. There is no accounts receivable. When creating a sales receipt, follow these steps:

- 1. Select a **customer** if one is not pre-filled for you (or you can create a new customer on the fly).
- 2. Enter an **email address** if emailing the sales receipt to the customer (this email address will self-populate if you've added it to the customer's profile). You can also include a carbon copy (cc) or blind copy (bcc) when you send a sales receipt by email.
- 3. Enter the appropriate Sales Receipt date and Payment method (if desired).
- 4. In the Deposit to field, select **Undeposited Funds** if depositing this payment along with other payments. Select the appropriate bank account if this is the only payment in your deposit. This is a "sticky" field. Check to make sure you are depositing the money directly to the bank or to Undeposited Funds if you change it.
- 5. Select the appropriate product/service items within your QuickBooks Online file (although new items can be set up on the fly in the middle of this transaction). Record the remaining details in the fields provided:
  - Description (optional)
  - Quantity (optional)
  - Rate (optional)
  - Amount (required)
  - Tax (if the product/service you have selected is subject to sales tax; also, be sure to select the
    appropriate Sales Tax Rate using the drop-down box below the Taxable subtotal
  - Discount (apply if appropriate)
- 6. Select **Save**, **Save and send** (this emails the sales receipt to the customer), **Save and new** (to create additional sales receipts) or **Save and close**.
- 7. After saving, you can always return to a sales receipt to print a packing slip. Select **Print** or **Preview** choosing **Print packing slip**.



**CREATE A SALES RECEIPT** 

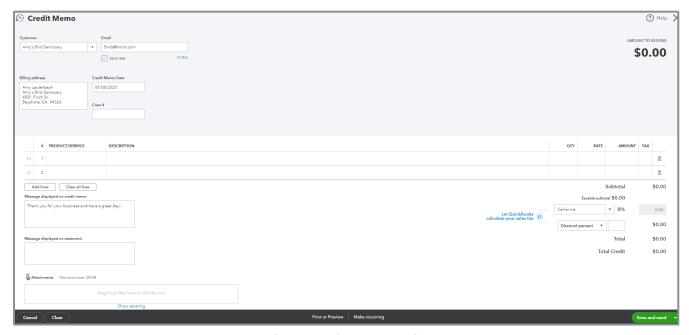
#### **CREDIT MEMOS AND REFUND RECEIPTS**

Use a Credit Memo to record credits given to customers. Credit memos reduce your customer's balance due on an existing or future invoice.

Use refund receipts to record refunds paid to customers. This is useful if the customer does not owe you anything and you have no accounts receivable balance against which to record a credit.

When creating a credit memo or refund receipt:

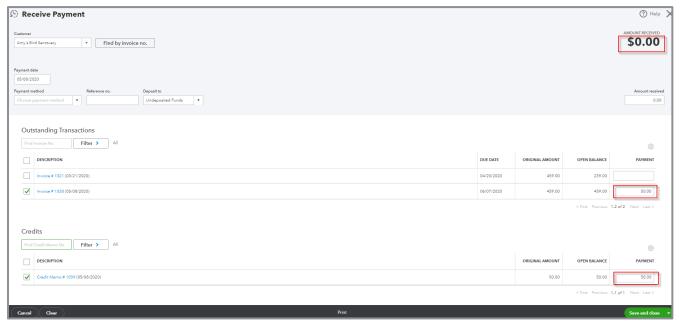
- Select the appropriate **Product/Service** for which the customer is being refunded or given a credit.
- 2. Use an appropriate **Date** for the credit memo or refund receipt (sometimes the default date that prefills for you isn't the one to use).
- 3. Record the **Description**, **Quantity**, **Rate**, **Amount** and **Tax** fields as appropriate.
- 4. Decide to **Save and Close**, **Save and new**, or **Save and send** the credit memo or refund receipt to the customer. Sending it notifies the customer that a credit memo or refund receipt has been created.



**CREATE A CREDIT MEMO** 

After recording a credit memo, if the Account and Settings are such that credits are automatically applied, QuickBooks Online automatically applies it to the oldest balance due for that customer. If you don't want the credit memo to be applied in this manner (but you like the setting to apply credits automatically otherwise), you'll have to:

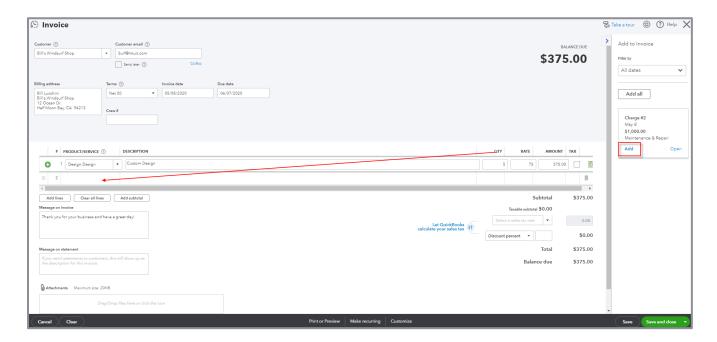
- 1. Navigate to the customer's profile.
- 2. Open the Receive Payment transaction where the credit memo was automatically applied. You can also get to this by opening the original credit memo and clicking the blue **Payment** link in the upper right-hand corner of the Credit Memo screen under the word Paid.
- 3. The total of this Receive Payment transaction is for \$0.00, which means this transaction is simply applying the amount of the credit memo against an invoice. Therefore, delete this Receive Payment transaction to make the credit memo unapplied.
- 4. Navigate back to the customer's profile.
- 5. Open the later invoice against which you want to apply the credit memo.
- 6. Choose the action to **Receive Payment** against the invoice.
- 7. Click the **Credit Memo** line at the bottom of the sales transaction applying the credit. Keep the total amount of this new Receive Payment transaction \$0.00.



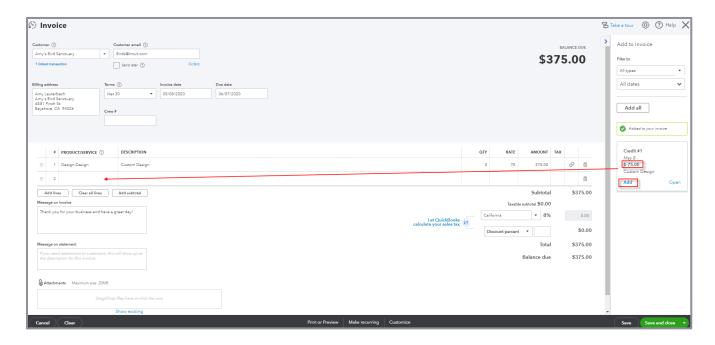
APPLY THE CREDIT MEMO TO AN OPEN INVOICE

#### **DELAYED CHARGES AND DELAYED CREDITS**

A delayed charge creates a billable charge for a customer to be added to an invoice later. A delayed charge is a reminder to create an invoice (i.e., creating a delayed charge doesn't actually create an accounting transaction in QuickBooks Online; it is *non-posting*). It keeps track of services provided to customers and it prompts you to remember to invoice them later. It can be brought in from the drawer on the right-hand side of an invoice:



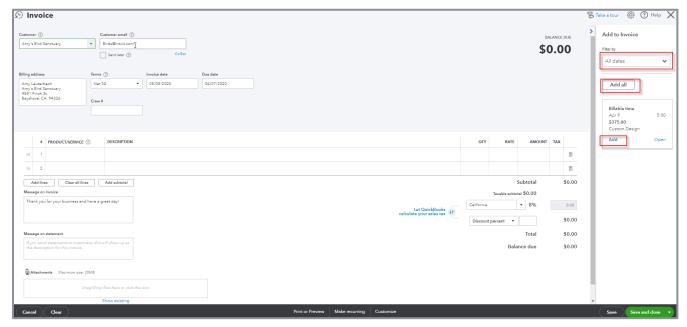
Delayed credits are also non-posting. A delayed credit can be created if expecting returns or credits from customers. Once the return is received from the customer, the delayed credit can be included as a line on an Invoice, reducing the total amount of that invoice. It can be brought in from the drawer on the right-hand side of an invoice:



#### USE THE DRAWER TO BRING IN BILLABLE TIME AND COSTS

If billable time and costs were entered for a customer but not yet added to an invoice, the unbilled time and costs appear in the drawer on the right-hand side of the invoice screen once you type in the customer's name field.

Click the **Add** button to add the unbilled charge to the invoice. To make changes to the unbilled charge or confirm adding it to the invoice being created, select **Open**. Select **Add all** to include several unbilled charges adding them all. If there are many possible items to enter but you wish to be selective, click the **Filter by** drop-down to select items to add based on dates.

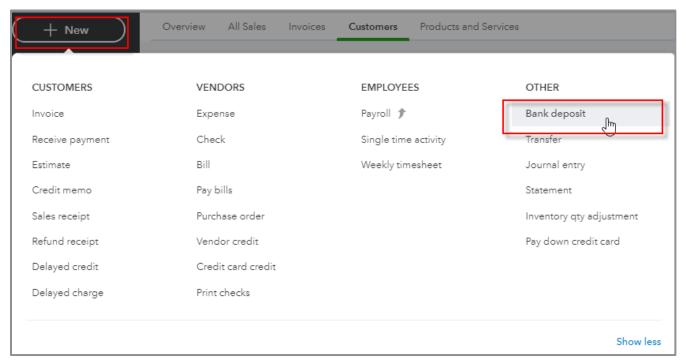


**USE THE DRAWER TO ADD BILLABLE EXPENSES TO INVOICES** 

Specifically create invoices for billable time and costs. Go to **Sales** on the left navigation bar and click the portion of the money bar called **Unbilled Activity**. A list of customers with unbilled time and costs will display. Click **Start invoice** in the Action column for that customer to create an invoice.

#### **DEPOSITS**

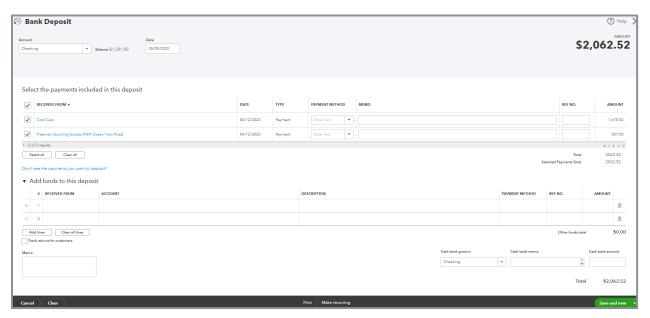
When you send sales receipt and/or receive payment transactions to Undeposited Funds, they sit in this account until you create a deposit transaction. To create a deposit transaction, from **+New** select **Bank deposit**.



**CREATE A DEPOSIT** 

When creating a deposit, be certain you select the correct bank account at the top of the Bank Deposit transaction screen. Then complete the deposit transaction:

- 1. Populate the **Date** field with the date you make the deposit.
- 2. Checkmark the **Payments** being included in the deposit from the list provided.
- 3. Add any other deposit items on the **Add New Deposits** lines below the list of payments. Be careful when entering deposit items on the Add New Deposits line. Do not enter sales transactions here. You will diminish the quality of the reports that use Products/Services. In addition, transactions entered here won't reflect in the Sales Tax Center.
- 4. Confirm the total amount of the deposit equals the amount you took/plan to take to the bank, then **Save** the deposit.



**HOW TO CREATE A DEPOSIT** 

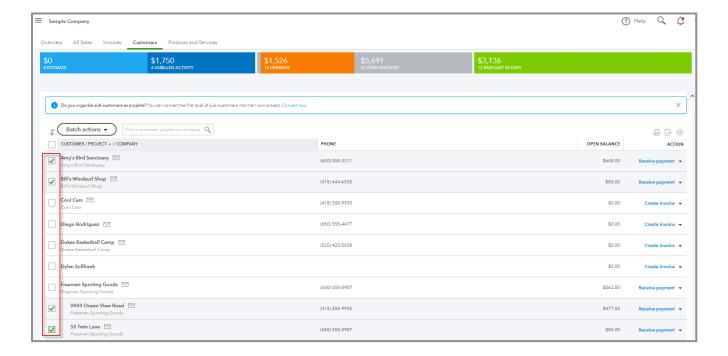
#### **STATEMENTS**

A statement is the status of a customer's account at a given point in time.

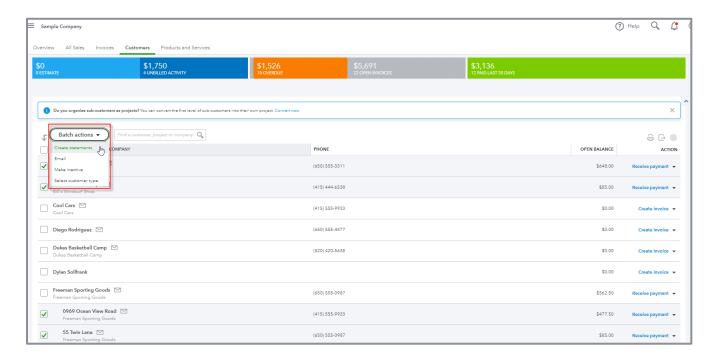
Each line item on a statement represents Invoices, credit memos, and payments for the statement time period. A statement does not offer very much detail about each individual sales transaction. The detail is on the individual invoices or credit memos. Statements can be sent out on a regular basis letting your customers know the activity on their account and if they still owe money.

You can create a Balance Forward, Open Item or Transaction Statement in QuickBooks Online.

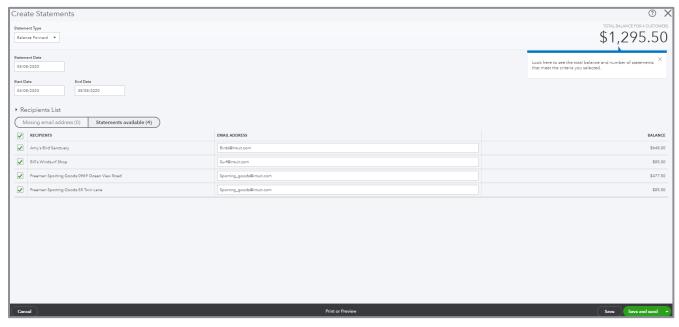
- 1. Go to the Customer Center by clicking **Sales** → **Customer** tab on the left-hand navigation.
- 2. Scroll to find the customer(s) for whom you wish to create a statement. Check the box next to their name(s).



3. Click the **Batch Actions** drop-down → **Create statements**.

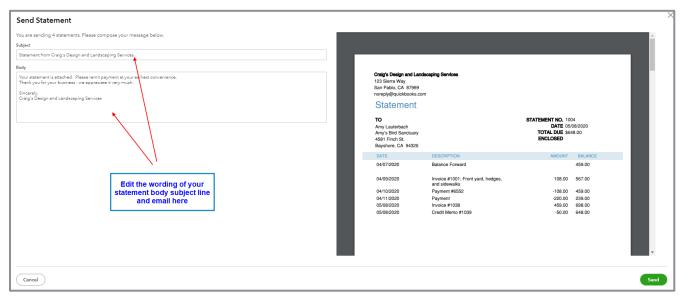


4. Choose Balance Forward, Open Item or Transaction Statement. Select the **Date**(s) as indicated.



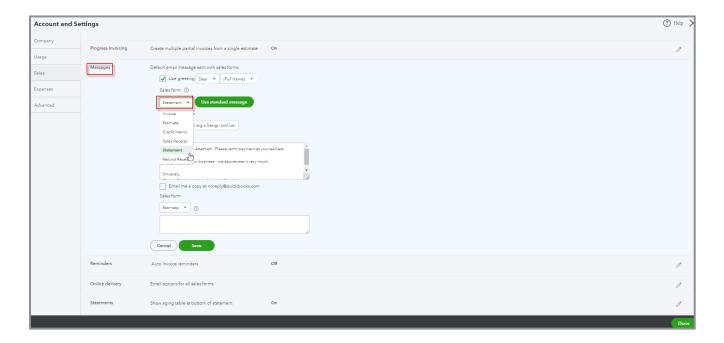
**SELECT OPTIONS FOR STATEMENT CREATION** 

- 5. Use the **Print** or **Preview** button in the middle of the bottom navigation panel to make sure the statements are generated the way you want. If the statements don't look right, try using one of the other two statement types or adjusting the date range.
- 6. Click **Save and send** to email the statements to the customers.
- 7. The next screen displays an image of the statement being sent to the customer along with the email. Edit the email language before pressing the **Send** button to customize it.



**EDIT THE EMAIL SENT WITH THE STATEMENT** 

8. (You can change the default email subject line and message that goes out with statements by clicking **gear** icon → **Account and Settings** → **Sales** → **Messages** → choose **Statement** from the drop-down and edit the **Email subject line** and **Email message**. Then click **Save** and **Done**.)



#### **ESTIMATES**

Create an estimate to give your customer a quote, bid or proposal for work you plan to do. Estimates are non-posting transactions and will not affect your books.

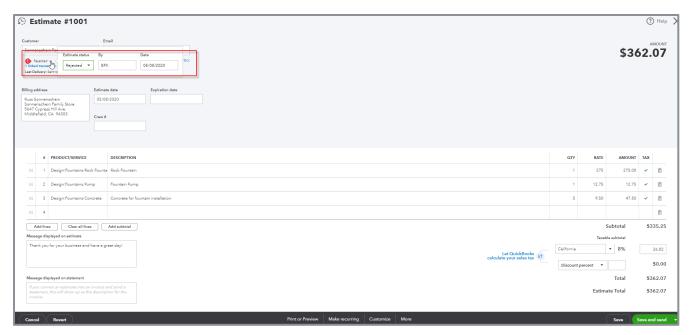
The Estimate form is completed in the same manner as an invoice. In fact, it looks very much like an invoice. The purpose of an estimate is to begin negotiations with your customer (*not* to record a sale).

Later, once the work is done and you're ready to invoice your customer, convert the estimate into an invoice by opening the customer's profile in the Customer Center. There are three ways to create an invoice from an estimate:

- If you have opened the Customer profile and see the estimate in the Transaction List, select **Create invoice** in the Action column next to the estimate
- Start to create an invoice from any access point (for example, from the +New menu). After you enter the name of the customer for whom an estimate exists, you'll see the estimate in the drawer on the right; you'll be able to add it to the invoice.
- Open the original estimate and click **Create invoice** in the top right corner.

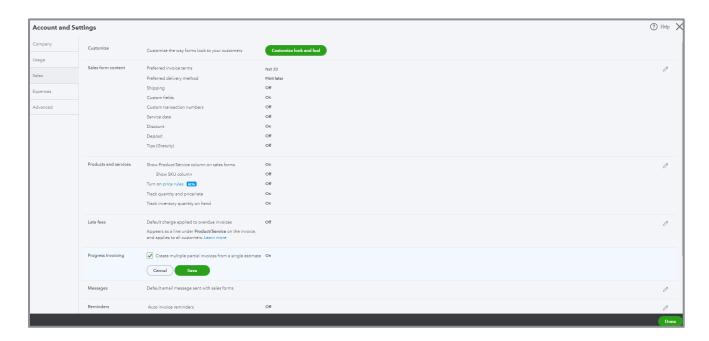
If the work included on an estimate does not end up happening, change the status of the estimate by clicking the **status drop-down** under the customer name. There are four statuses available for estimates. You can also add the initials of the person in charge of accepting/rejecting it and the date on which they did it:

- Pending Automatically assigned to an estimate when you create it
- Accepted Automatically assigned to an estimate when you first create an invoice from it but don't invoice it completely
- Closed Automatically assigned to an estimate after it has been converted to one or more invoices that completely invoice out the estimate
- Rejected



**UPDATE THE STATUS OF AN ESTIMATE** 

If you want to produce more than one invoice from a single estimate, you'll need to edit the setting. Click the **gear** icon  $\rightarrow$  **Account and Settings**  $\rightarrow$  **Sales**  $\rightarrow$  **Progress Invoicing**  $\rightarrow$  check the box next to **Create multiple partial invoices from a single estimate**. Then click **Save** and **Done**.



# **Payroll**

There are three integrated payroll options for QuickBooks Online:

- Core (previously QuickBooks Online Payroll)
- Premium (previously QuickBooks Online Full Service Payroll)
- Elite

#### With any option:

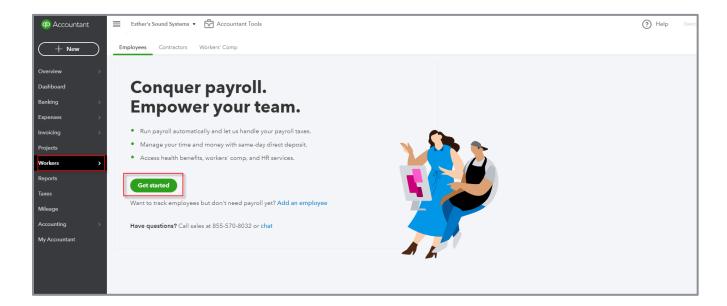
- You run payroll inside QuickBooks Online
- If you have a QuickBooks Online Essentials, Plus or Advanced subscription, you can use timesheet data to create paychecks
- You can choose to pay employees using direct deposit or by printing a check

All payroll plans include the following, available in all 50 states:

- Fast unlimited payroll runs
- Calculate paychecks and taxes
- Automated taxes and forms (federal and state payroll taxes and year-end filings are calculated, filed and paid automatically)
- Workforce portal (employees can access paystubs, W2s and other information online)
- Manage garnishments and deductions
- Payroll reports

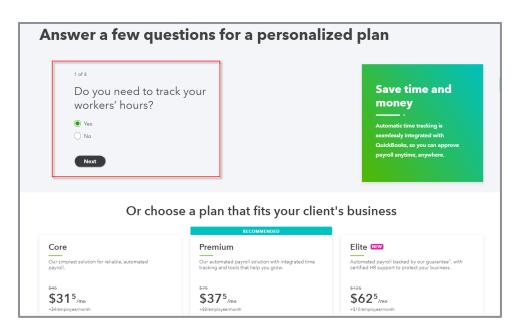
The difference between the options are covered here: <a href="https://quickbooks.intuit.com/payroll/">https://quickbooks.intuit.com/payroll/</a> and are mainly how tax payments and filings are handled. For more information, call 1-855-570-8032.

To sign up for any level of QuickBooks Online Payroll, click the **Workers** tab on the left navigation bar. Click **Get Started**.

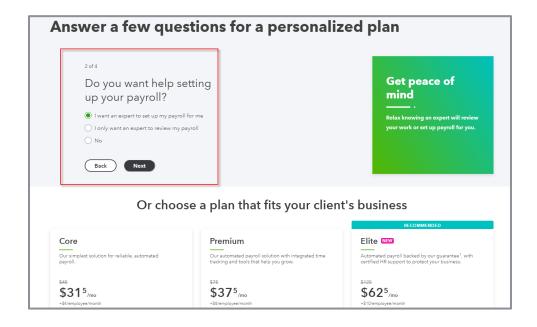


Answer the four questions and you'll see the recommended payroll option based on your answers below:

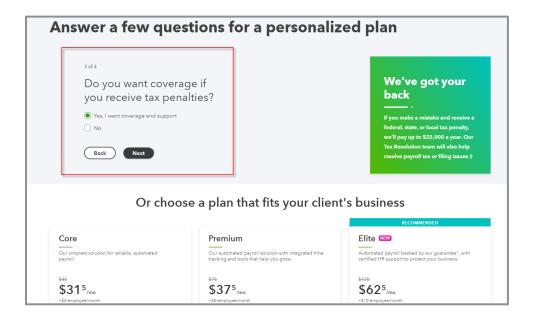
# Do you want to track your workers' hours?



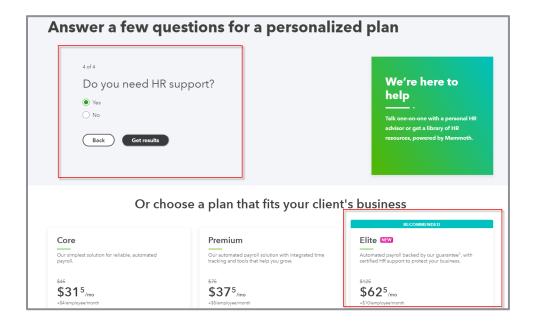
#### Do you want help setting up your payroll?



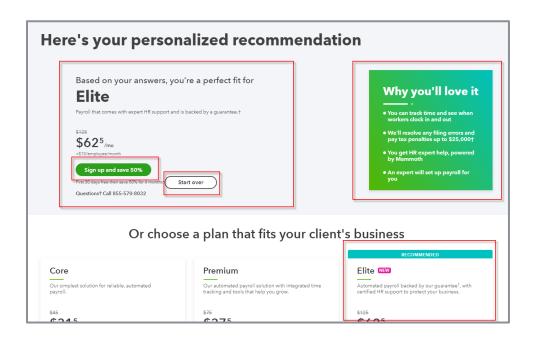
#### Do you want coverage if you receive tax penalties?



## Do you need HR support?



#### Then click Get results:



If necessary, click **Start over**.

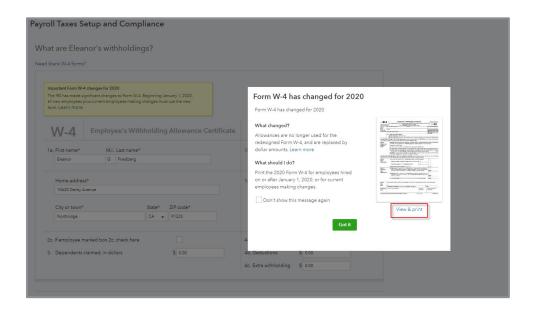
You need the following information to complete the setup:

- Company information Legal name and bank routing and account numbers
- Compensation and benefits types for each employee Salary, hourly, retirement, other deductions
- **Employee information** Completed W-4s, pay rates, deductions, benefit info, and what they've already been paid in the current calendar year
- Direct deposit information Employees' bank account and routing numbers
- Tax information Company FEIN, state agency ID numbers, rate information, required filing frequency, EFTPS enrollment, plus any other tax information related to the states in which your employees live and/or work
- The next payday

# SET UP AND RUN PAYROLL - QUICKBOOKS ONLINE PAYROLL

Once all the required information is gathered, setup can begin. Click **Workers** in the left navigation bar **> Employees > Add an employee**. This walks you through the full setup of employees on payroll.

1. Enter W-4 information. If your state requires additional info, enter it here. You can print an actual W-4 form here for the employee to complete, then you can enter the info in this section of payroll from the form.



- 2. Enter a pay schedule. Determine the pay period ending date and check date. You can set the new payroll schedule as a default here, too.
- 3. Enter the pay rate: Hourly, Salary or Commission Only.
- 4. Enter any deductions. Examples of deductions include retirement or health insurance contributions the employee choses to deduct from their paycheck.
- 5. Determine payment method. Choose from Paper check, Direct deposit, Direct deposit to two accounts, and Direct deposit with balance as a check.
- 6. Enter the Birth date and Hire date for this employee.

Repeat that process for each employee.

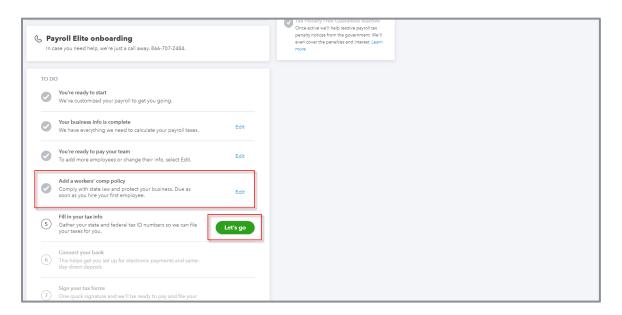
The next step sets up payroll tax settings. Click **Taxes** in the left navigation pane **→ Payroll Tax** tab **→ Finish payroll setup**.



THE PAYROLL TAX CENTER

Enter your company information on the business details screen, including:

Workers' Comp policy info



Once that is filled in, click **Let's go** to get to the Payroll Taxes Setup and Compliance screen. Fill in:

- Filing name and address Legal name and address on file with the tax agencies
- First hire date Did you hire your first employee within the last six months?
- Did you buy the business from a previous owner? If it's a new company, you'll see a
  notification that tax rates and schedules specified by the IRS and state agencies for new
  employers were set up
- Company Type
- Principal Officer Title

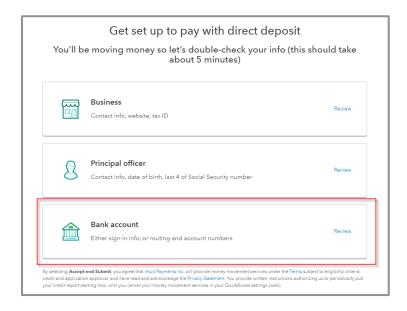
#### Click Continue.



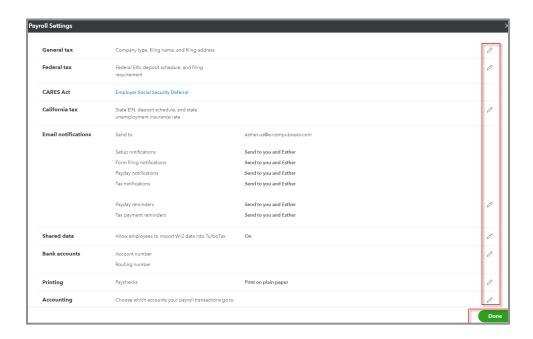
The next screen is the federal and state tax details screen. Enter the company **FEIN**, state **Employer Numbers** and required tax **Deposit Schedule**. You may see questions related to the state requirements for your filing state(s). When you have completed entry on this screen, click **Done**.



On the Connect your bank to send money with QuickBooks screen, set up your company banking information. Click **Done** to complete your setup. You are brought to the Payroll Tax Center. Edit your company and tax settings, make a tax payment and view your tax forms here. There are also links here to the Employee Setup screen.



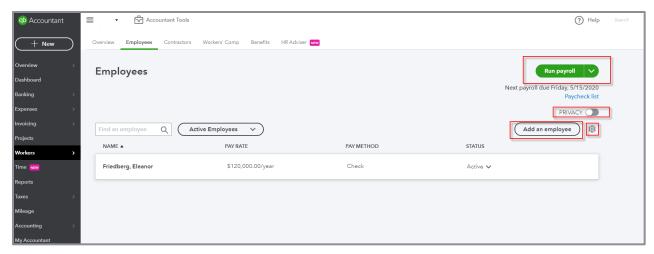
To change the default account mapping of your payroll items, click **gear** → **Account and Settings** → **Payroll settings**. Click the **pencil** icon for each section to set up different wage and payroll tax items for each type of earnings and tax. You can map payroll items to different accounts or assign different expense accounts to different groups of employees. Click **Done** when finished.



#### RUN PAYROLL IN QUICKBOOKS ONLINE PAYROLL

To run a payroll in QuickBooks Online Payroll, click the **Workers** tab in the left navigation bar  $\rightarrow$  **Employees**  $\rightarrow$  **Run Payroll**.

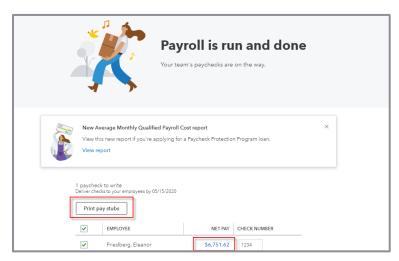
**NOTE:** There is a Privacy button here and the option to Add an employee. In addition, there is a small gear icon to add more columns in this center.



START THE RUN PAYROLL PROCESS

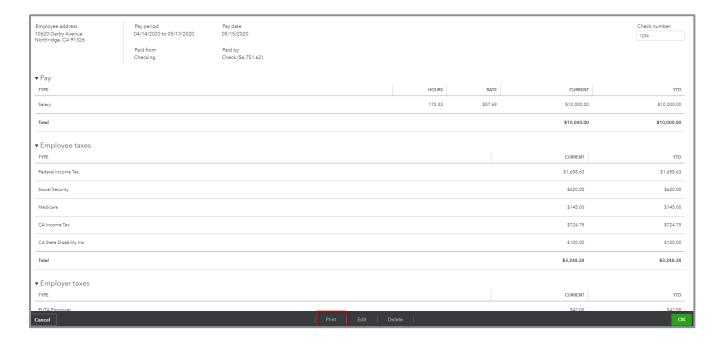
Verify the dates and checking account to be used. Enter the employee hours, then **Preview payroll**. If using timesheets in a QuickBooks Online Essentials, Plus or Advanced subscription, the timesheet data entered populates the hours displayed here. If the payroll looks correct, click **Submit payroll**.

To edit a check, click the **pencil** icon at the far right, reopening the paycheck screen. Select **Print pay stubs** on the next screen.



**REVIEW PAYROLL** 

If you want to see the paycheck details, click any check's **blue net pay figure**. In the paycheck that opens, click **Print** at the bottom to print the paycheck:



Esther's Sound Systems 10618 Darby Avenue Northridge CA 91326 Check No.: 1234 Pay Stub Detail PAY DATE: 05/15/2020 NET PAY: \$6,751.62 Eleanor G. Friedberg 10620 Darby Avenue Northridge CA 91326 Check No.: 1234 EMPLOYER Esther's Sound Systems 10618 Darby Avenue Northridge CA 91326 PAY PERIOD Period Beginning Period Ending: Pay Date: 04/14/2020 05/13/2020 05/15/2020 **EMPLOYEE** Eleanor G. Friedberg 10620 Darby Avenue Northridge CA 91326 SS#: ...5325 NET PAY: \$6,751.62 MEMO: Current 10,000.00 PAY Hours Rate YTD DEDUCTIONS Current YTD 10,000.00 1,658.63 620.00 145.00 724.75 100.00 YTD 1,658.63 620.00 145.00 724.75 100.00 TAXES Federal Income Tax Social Security Medicare CA Income Tax CA State Disability Ins SUMMARY Current YTD Total Pay Taxes Deductions \$10,000.00 \$3,248.38 \$0.00 \$10,000.00 \$3,248.38 \$0.00 **Net Pay** \$6,751.62

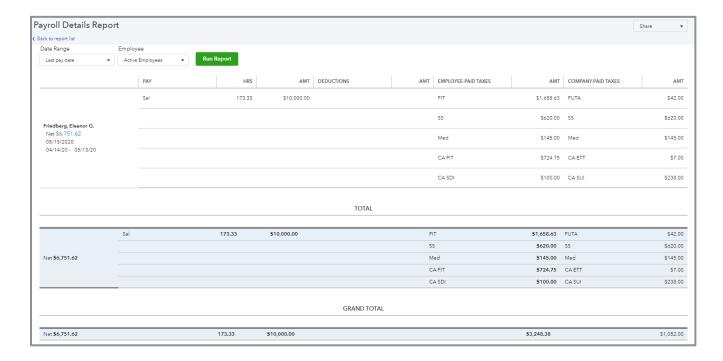
#### **PAYROLL REPORTS**

Payroll reports can be found in the Report Center, which is accessed by clicking **Reports** on the left navigation bar. Three common payroll reports you can use to review payroll are:

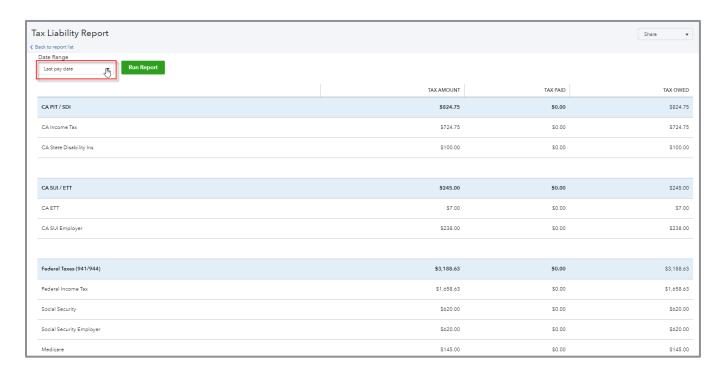
Payroll Summary - Shows information about a single payroll or date range. To change the dates displayed on the report, click Date Range. Choose from many options such as last month, this week or by tax filing quarter. You can filter by employees. To share, print or export your report to Excel, click the drop-down arrow next to the Share button.



Payroll Details - Shows a breakdown of the employee and employer share of taxes plus any
deductions from the employees' gross wages. Change the date range and filter by employees
here too.



 Payroll Tax Liability - Shows the amount of taxes withheld, paid and owed to each taxing authority. Filter this report by Date Range.



# **Bank and Credit Card Accounts**

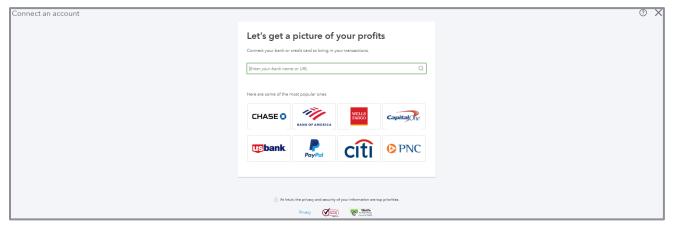
## **BANK FEEDS**

The bank feeds in QuickBooks Online are among the most dynamic features of the program. It links your online banking (and credit card) accounts and feeds the transactions directly into the Banking Center. When the transactions are pulled in, they are non-posting until you match them to previously recorded transactions or use them to add new transactions to your registers. This process simplifies data entry. It really helps businesses get a handle on their balances in real-time!

When using bank feeds to enter your transactions, your accounts become self-reconciling. Because transactions are matched to the bank or credit card as they are entered, they are already marked as tentatively cleared in the reconciliation screen. A matched or created transaction (tentatively cleared) from a bank feed has the letter C next to it in the register. A transaction marked cleared after being reconciled will have the letter R next to it.

Many thousands of financial institutions link to QuickBooks Online. If a financial institution does not participate, you can still upload bank feeds to QuickBooks Online. Export the form at the banking website to .CSV, .QFX, .QBO or .OFX formats. If you are unable to export your banking information to any of these formats, there is at least one app available that can convert a .PDF statement to a .QBO banking format.

When first opening the Banking Center (accessed by clicking **Banking)**, you will be prompted to connect an account. After the first account is added, add another account by clicking **Add account** inside the Banking Center. Choose the name of the bank from the list provided or enter the bank's login website address. Enter the online ID and passcode used to sign into your bank's online banking page. QuickBooks displays the accounts included under the login ID of the bank.

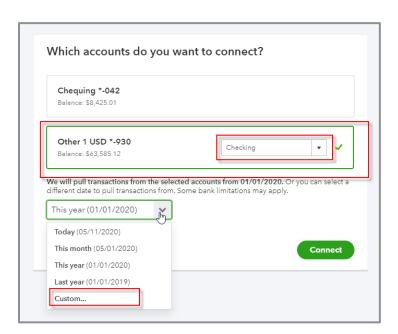


**ADD AN ACCOUNT FOR BANK FEEDS** 

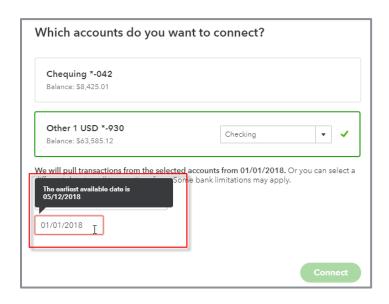
Choose the type of account. Click **Connect**. If connecting to an account already set up in QuickBooks Online, choose which account to link to the bank feed.



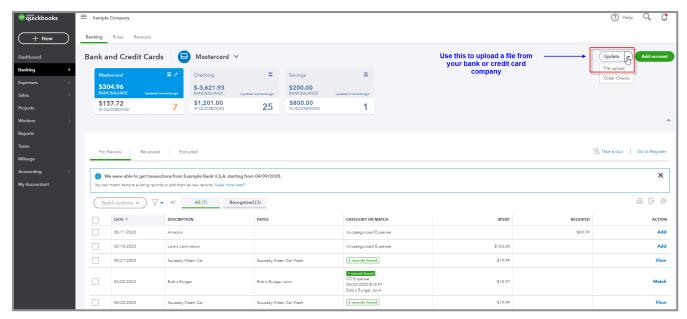
**TIP:** You will be able to specify how much history is brought into the bank feeds from your financial institution.



If you click **Custom** you can specify the first date for which transactions should be brought from this account. If the date you choose is too early (i.e., the transactions cannot be brought in from that far back), you'll see a message when you hover your mouse over that date:



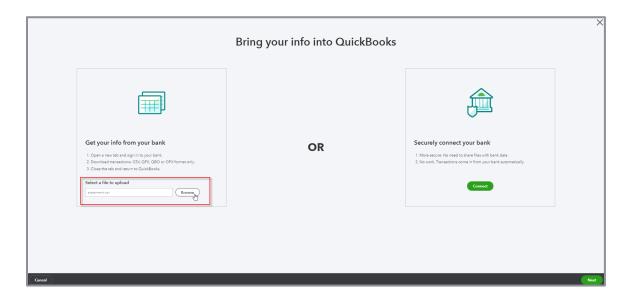
Once the transactions have been imported, the account and its transactions are displayed in the Banking Center.



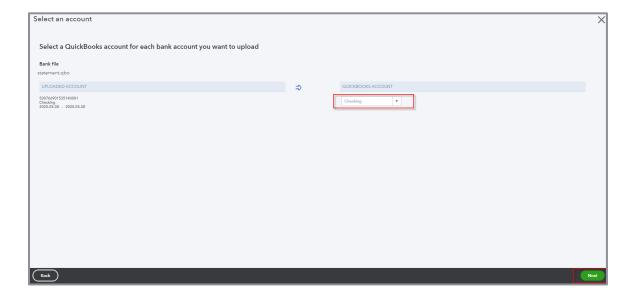
THE BANKING CENTER

To upload banking transactions exported from your bank using a supported file type (.CSV, .QFX, .QBO or OFX formats), follow these steps:

- 1. Click File upload from the Banking Center.
- 2. Click **Browse** to locate the file to upload.



3. Choose the QuickBooks bank or credit card account to link, then **Next** (add a new account here).



- 4. If necessary, map the fields in your upload file to the fields in QuickBooks Online and follow any instructions. (\*.qbo file formats do not require this step.)
- 5. Click **Let's go!** to import your data.



**TIP:** If you are using a \*.csv import file that has headers, click **First row in .csv file is header row.** Your headers appear in the drop-down menu. This makes mapping a whole lot easier!

A notification indicates your transactions were imported. Start working with your data in the Banking Center.

#### WORK WITH THE DATA IN THE BANK FEEDS

Now that you have imported transactions, start working with them in the Banking Center. Here is a tour of the Banking Center:

- The top section of the Banking Center shows the bank and credit card accounts enabled to use bank feeds. If the account is *linked* to your online banking account, the top blue portion of the account box will show the bank balance as of the date of the last sync. If it is not linked, it will show \$0.00 (note that it will also show zero if the balance per the bank is, in fact, zero).
- The bottom portion of the account box displays the current balance in the QuickBooks Online register and the number of transactions displayed in the For Review tab below
- The buttons at the top right of the Banking Center are action buttons you can use to add a new account, begin an upload, or update a linked account

Remember that when transactions are imported from a bank feed, they are non-posting transactions. Transactions in this list are not added to the register until you take action. Bank feed transactions are organized into three tabs:

- For Review Displays unposted transactions from the bank feed
- Reviewed Displays bank feed transactions that have been matched or added to the register
- Excluded Displays transactions that have been removed from the For Review tab by the user



TABS USED IN BANKING CENTER

Begin your bank feed workflow in the For Review tab. Transactions are listed under two additional tab headings:

- All
- Recognized

If QuickBooks recognizes a transaction already recorded in the register, a green 1 record found tag is displayed next to the transaction. It is added to the Recognized tab. See a white 2 records found tag with a green border next to a transaction? This indicates QuickBooks Online found multiple matches. Click to select the correct match or add a new transaction.

1 record found
2 records found

QuickBooks also recognizes common vendor names. Suggestions are made for selecting the correct general ledger account. If you accept the suggested account, QuickBooks will change the account for all transactions of that same name and the color of the text will be changed to green.

There is a little gear icon to the top right of the transaction list in the Banking Center. Use this gear icon to add or remove the columns displayed on the bank feed. Change the number of transactions included on each page. Columns you can add are:

- Check no. Useful when you add checks directly from the bank feed
- Payee
- **Editable date field** If you are using bank feeds to enter transactions initiated in a different period you will need to enable this column
- Copy bank detail to memo Retains a record of the bank text in the transaction; this is essential
  if you forget to add a name to the Payee field
- Remember category selection Retains the category in the transaction should a similar transaction occur again
- Show bank details



**OPTIONS UNDER LITTLE GEAR ICON IN BANKING CENTER** 

Click the little **gear** icon again to make this pop-up disappear.



**TIP:** You can sort transactions by a column's contents by clicking the column name.

To add a new transaction to the register from the bank feed, populate the fields that display in the expanded window when you click the transaction:

- Vendor/Customer (i.e., Payee)
- Category (General Ledger G/L account)
- If needed, mark as Billable and assign to a Customer
- Memo
- If needed, split the transaction between multiple categories. Click the **Split** button. Enter the appropriate details into the pop-up window. Click **Save and add**.



ADD A TRANSACTION FROM THE BANK FEED

To match a transaction to the register from the bank feed:

• If you agree with the green or white Record found, click **Match**. (You'll need to click the white Records found transaction first to see or edit which record QuickBooks is considering matching to this item.) The transaction is moved to the Reviewed tab and posted to the appropriate account.

If you don't agree with the white Record found, click the gray Find other records button. A list of
other matching options will display (you may have to expand the date range to find the correct
transaction). Select the correct match. Click Match.



• If QuickBooks doesn't recognize a transaction already recorded in the register, manually match it to the transaction by clicking the transaction line, then click **Find match** above the record information. A list of possible matches is displayed in the Match transactions pop up screen. Place a checkmark next to the appropriate matching transaction(s). Click **Save**. If the bank feed transaction is made up of multiple transactions in the register, check multiple lines in this screen to resolve the difference in amounts.



You can also match bank feed transactions to checks, expenses, deposits, transfers, credit card credits, open bills, open invoices, sales receipts and customer payments. If there are open items in any of these categories, they will be displayed in the Match transactions pop up screen. You can match multiple transactions to the bank feed. You can group multiple customer payments or sales receipts into a single deposit and multiple bills into a single bill payment.

#### TROUBLESHOOT BANK FEED TRANSACTIONS

Sometimes during your workflow, a transaction has already been matched to the wrong transaction in the register. This happens for several reasons. The register transactions are of the same amount and/or fall within the same date range. To fix this type of error:

- 1. Click the **Reviewed** tab.
- 2. Find the incorrectly matched transaction.
- 3. Click **Undo** under the **Action** column on the far right.

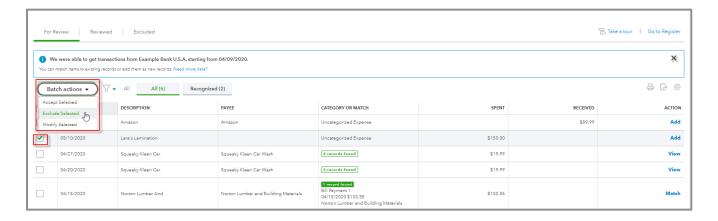


UNDO FUNCTION IN THE BANKING CENTER

This returns the bank feed transaction to the For Review tab. Now match it to the correct transaction.

Another issue encountered occurs when a bank feed transaction is imported and the matching transaction has already been reconciled using the Reconcile tool in QuickBooks. In this case, the transaction can't be matched. Just exclude the transaction or it will remain in the workflow indefinitely. To exclude the transaction:

- 1. Check the box next to the transaction in the For Review list.
- 2. Click Batch actions → Exclude Selected.



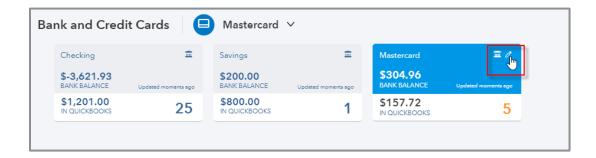
This moves the transaction to the Excluded tab. It remains there until permanently deleted from your workflow. If you exclude a transaction by mistake, just click the **Excluded** tab, and select **Undo** under the Action column.



This moves the transaction back to the For Review list. Now match it properly or add it to the register.

A red error message in the Banking Center indicates QuickBooks was unable to connect to the online banking account. If this occurs, it usually means your online banking credentials have been changed. Update them in QuickBooks Online. To update the online banking credentials:

1. Click the **pencil** icon at the top right of the blue account box.



2. Click Edit sign-in info.



- 3. Enter your updated online banking login credentials.
- 4. Click Update sign-in info.

What happens if you accidentally import a bank feed twice and create duplicate entries?

- Duplicates in New Transaction List If the duplicates are in the For Review tab, fix this by selecting the duplicate transactions (i.e., place a checkmark next to them), then clicking Batch actions → Exclude Selected
- Duplicates already added to the Register If the duplicate transactions are already added to the register, click the Reviewed tab → select the duplicate transactions → Batch Actions → Undo. Once the duplicates have been moved to the For Review tab, select them again. Click Batch actions to exclude them.

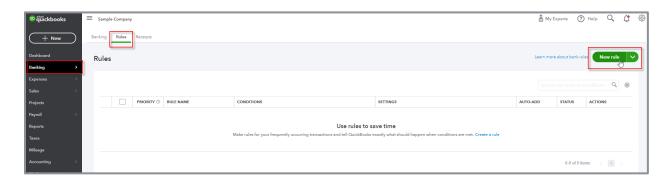
If you can't find a matching transaction you *know is* recorded in the register — perhaps because a vendor held a check for more than 90 days or the date of the transaction was entered incorrectly in the register — try expanding the date range in the Match transactions screen. Simply change the date range. QuickBooks will show transactions for the dates specified. Select the matching transaction and click **Save**. (Alternately, if you know the matching transaction is recorded properly in the register, you can simply exclude the transaction in the For Review tab you are having trouble matching.)

#### **RULES IN BANK FEEDS**

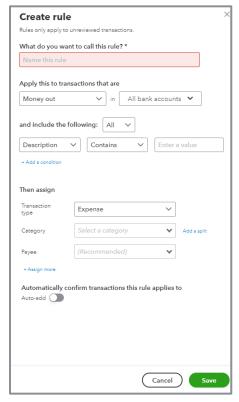
You can further automate data entry via bank feeds using rules, reducing the time to code and record transactions.

#### To create a rule:

- 1. In the Banking Center, click the **Rules** tab.
- 2. Click the green New rule button.



- 3. Give your rule a name. Choose whether the rule applies to Money in or Money out.
- 4. Choose whether the rule applies to all bank (and credit card) accounts or only specific ones.
- 5. Set the criteria for the rule. Add multiple criteria. Use all or any to refine or expand your selections.
- 6. Set the type of transaction to create with the rule. Add the details of the transactions, such as Payee and Category. Add more lines to the transaction by clicking **Add a split**. Click **Save**. Code class and location here if enabled in a Plus or Advanced subscription company.
- 7. Click the **Auto-add** toggle if you want to add this transaction to the Reviewed tab and the company's books without reviewing it first in the For Review tab.

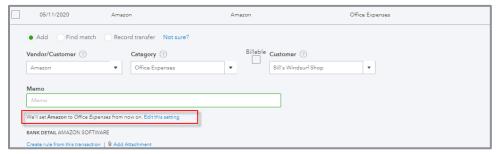


**ADD A BANK RULE** 

QuickBooks uses the criteria entered in your rules to pre-fill your bank feed transactions with the required information.

All your previously created rules are in the Rules list. Edit, copy and modify rules to create new rules. Delete rules by clicking the buttons under the **Actions** column. Export rules and import them into another QuickBooks Online company.

Rules can also be added directly from the bank feed when re-categorizing a transaction.

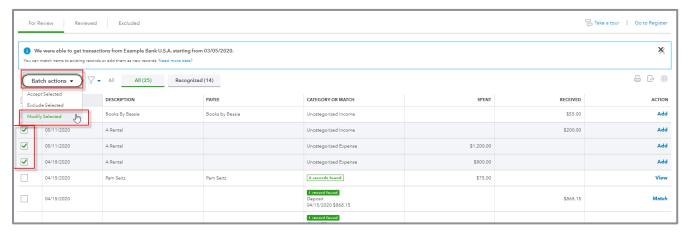


**RULE FROM BANK FEED** 

## **USE BATCH ACTIONS IN THE BANK FEEDS**

The Batch Actions feature is a real time-saver. You already know you can use it to remove duplicate transactions from your workflow. Did you know you can also code and add multiple transactions at the same time? To do this:

- 1. Select the transactions you want to code.
- 2. Click the **Batch actions** drop-down arrow → **Modify Selected**.
- 3. Enter the Payee and Category. Click **Apply**. All the selected transactions are coded to the payee and category.
- 4. Click **Batch Actions** again → **Accept Selected**.



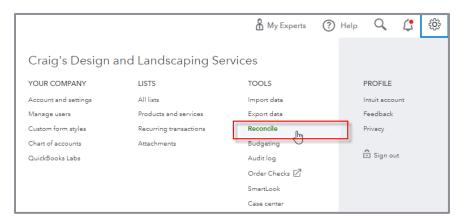
**USE BATCH ACTIONS IN BANK FEEDS** 

# RECONCILE BANK, CREDIT CARD AND OTHER ACCOUNTS

Although the bank feeds in QuickBooks Online matches entries to the bank or credit card account, it is a best practice to reconcile the accounts monthly using the Reconcile feature. The reconciliation process helps find errors and omissions between QuickBooks and the bank. It also changes the reconcile tag on transactions from C to R, giving you another way to filter reports and helps troubleshoot issues with your bank feeds.

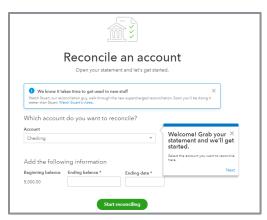
To open the Reconcile screen in QuickBooks Online:

1. Click the **gear** icon → **Reconcile** under the Tools menu. (It is also available in the left navigation bar by clicking **Accounting** → **Reconcile**.)



LOCATE THE RECONCILIATION TOOL

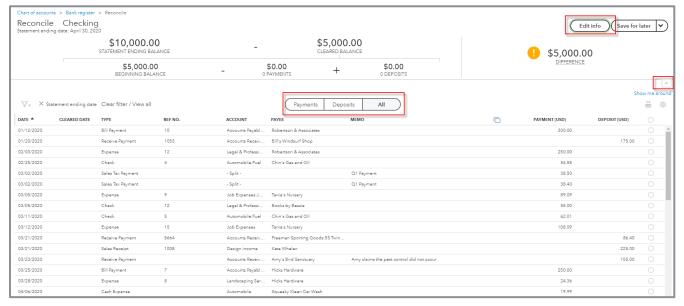
- 2. Choose the bank or credit card account to reconcile from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Enter the **Statement Ending Balance** and the **Statement Ending Date** from the bank statement. Click **Start reconciling.** (If you see a small screen called "Reconcile like a pro," click **Let's do it**.)



START THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS FOR AN ACCOUNT

The Reconcile screen in QuickBooks offers many options to make the reconciliation process faster and easier. You will first see that you have the option to reconcile all transactions, by payments only, or by deposits only.

- Checks and payments under the **Payments** tab
- Deposits and other credits under the **Deposits** tab
- Both payments and deposits under the **All** tab

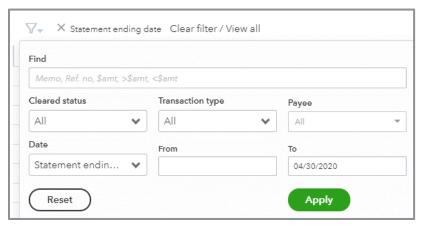


**RECONCILE AN ACCOUNT** 

The reconciliation summary box is found at the top of the page and can be hidden by clicking the **up arrow** on the right-hand side.

If you made a mistake entering the statement ending balance or the date, click the **Edit info** button in the top right.

The filter option allows you to find and filter transactions by cleared status, transaction type and payee. You can also filter by transaction dates. Bank feed transactions are automatically marked cleared when added or matched to the register. You may also sort by the column headers. There is a column called **Cleared Date** that allows you to see the date the transaction cleared the bank (via the bank feed info) and identify if it was cleared after your statement period (even if the transaction is dated in your statement period).



FILTER BOX ON RECONCILIATION SCREEN

4. To mark a transaction as cleared, click the **circle** to the right of the transaction. As you clear transactions, QuickBooks tallies the cleared debits and credits in the summary box displaying the difference between your records and the bank.



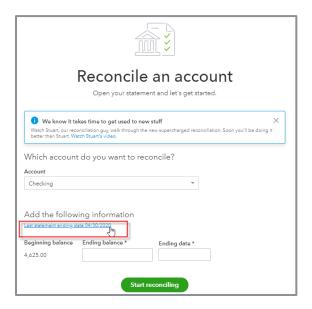
**SUMMARY BOX ON RECONCILIATION SCREEN** 

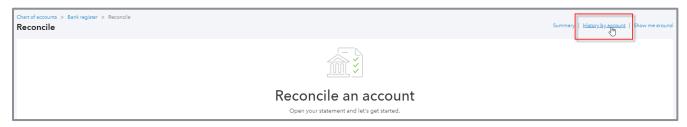
5. Once you have verified and checked all the cleared transactions in QuickBooks, the amount in the Difference field is zero. When finished (i.e., when the Difference field displays zero), click **Finish Now**. This will close the screen.

You can always click **Save for later** to save your progress and complete your reconciliation later.

Here are some common roadblocks when reconciling an account in QuickBooks Online:

- A transaction on the bank statement is not in QuickBooks To add a transaction not recorded in QuickBooks but appearing on the bank statement, click +New at the top of the left navigation bar to open the appropriate transaction screen. Record the transaction then go back to the Reconcile screen. Mark the new transaction as cleared. You can also go to the Banking Center and classify your transaction if it has not been recorded yet.
- Discrepancies: you made the error If you find a discrepancy in one of your entries, click the
  transaction from the Reconcile screen to edit it. Save and close the transaction. Resume the
  reconciliation process.
- Discrepancies: bank made the error If the bank made an error, record a new transaction adjusting your balance. After you resolve the error with your bank, reverse the transaction. Mark the reversing entry cleared during the reconciliation of the period where the correction appears on your statement.
- Printing the reconciliation report To print the reconciliation report, click the Last statement ending date link in the Reconcile screen. It is important to note any changes made to the register after the reconciliation is completed are not included on your reconciliation report. You may also access other reconciled periods by clicking the History by account in the Reconcile screen.



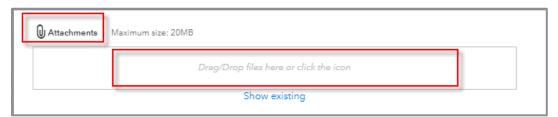


# **Extra Information on Transactions**

#### **ATTACH DOCUMENTS**

Attach documents to transactions in QuickBooks Online, whether you are logged in via your browser or from your mobile device using the Mobile app.

To add a document from within your browser, open the transaction. Either drag the file to the box at the bottom of the screen or click the **box** itself or the **paperclip** icon and browse to the file you want to attach.

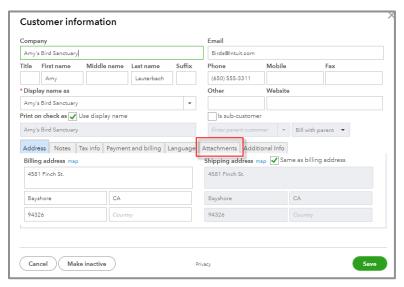


ATTACHMENT TOOL LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF TRANSACTION SCREENS

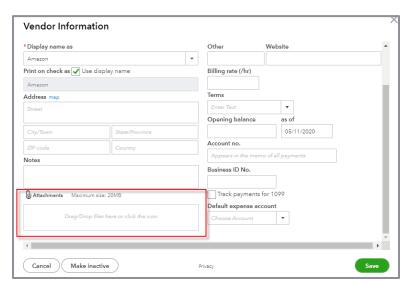
You can also attach documents using the QuickBooks app for iPhone and Android devices by downloading it from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. Once the app is installed, log in and create a new transaction or open an existing one. Click the **camera** icon. Either take a new photo of a receipt or upload an existing picture.

View all your documents by clicking **Attachments** in the gear icon menu.

You can also add attachments to customer and vendor details.



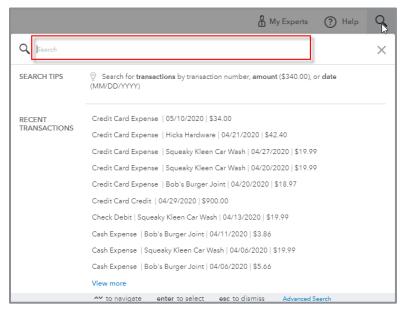
ATTACHMENT TO CUSTOMER DETAIL



**ATTACHMENT TO VENDOR DETAIL** 

#### **SEARCH BOX AND RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

The search feature (accessible by clicking the **magnifying glass** icon in the top navigation pane) in QuickBooks Online is very dynamic. Just type what you are looking for: amount, name or reference number. QuickBooks Online will return all list items and transactions matching the criteria entered. If you need to filter further, the advanced search window opens when QuickBooks Online displays the results of your search. You can add filters.



SEARCH BOX ACCESSED USING MAGNIFYING GLASS ICON

# Reports

One of the greatest benefits of using QuickBooks Online to manage a business is the reporting capability of the program. The setup, recording of financial entries and reconciliation of accounts results in the ability to create reports that provide:

- Valuable insights into the financial position of a business
- The results of operations for a specific time period
- Statistical information (this could be the best-selling item or gross profit margin)

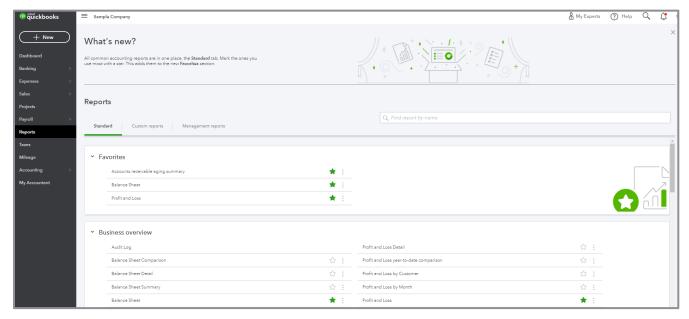
The reports available in QuickBooks Online vary by subscription level:

- QuickBooks Simple Start Simple Start, the most basic version, allows for basic data entry to track your money in and money out, as well as customer tracking and invoicing. The reports follow these same features and include over 20 basic financial and customer reports.
- QuickBooks Essentials Essentials includes more features than Simple Start including vendors
  and accounts payable functionality. It includes all the reports included in Simple Start, plus
  reports related to accounts payable, products and services along with the Business Snapshot.
  The number of reports included in Essentials is over 40.
- QuickBooks Online Plus QuickBooks Online Plus includes over 65 reports including the
  reports available in the Essentials subscription. It also includes reports related to the full
  functionality of QuickBooks Online, including classes and locations, inventory, time tracking and
  budgets, to name a few.
- QuickBooks Online Advanced QuickBooks Online Advanced includes over 80 reports including the reports available in the Plus subscription. It also includes a license for Smart Reporting by Fathom, which allows you to track financial and non-financial KPIs (key performance indicators) to see how well your business is performing with in-depth analysis tools. You can create presentation-ready and customizable reports with easy-to-read visuals. You can also compare, rank and benchmark your companies, clients or franchisees.

#### **NAVIGATE THE REPORT CENTER**

To access the Reports Center, click **Reports** in the left navigation bar. Reports are organized into tabs found in the middle of the Reports screen. The tabs you see depends on your subscription level. You can click the **star outline** to add reports to your Favorites. Once the report is part of your Favorites, it will be filled in green.

- Standard The Standard reports tab includes reports commonly used in day-to-day business operations. The Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, A/R and A/P Aging Summary reports are found here, along with Expenses by Vendor Summary and the Business Snapshot.
- Custom Reports Reports you customize and save will be listed here. To save a report you
  customized to Custom Reports, click Save customization at the top of the report. Add these
  reports to a report group and share them with other company users too.
- Management Reports Management reports allows the creation of beautiful report packages with cover pages and custom free-form pages for content like an executive summary or financial notes. Include a variety of reports and reporting periods in Management Reports. Use custom headers and footers. QuickBooks Online has three report templates you can use as a reference or starter to create your own packages. Create, view, and send these reports, as well as export to Microsoft Word® and PDF. Save these templates for future use. See more here: <a href="https://youtu.be/hHzKrYiNKQ0s">https://youtu.be/hHzKrYiNKQ0s</a>



STANDARD REPORTS TAB

# **BUSINESS OVERVIEW REPORTS (UNDER ALL REPORTS)**

This group lists reports giving you overall information related to the operation of your business, such as those reports listed below.

- Profit and Loss The Profit and Loss is a summary report showing a summary of income and expenses by category. Here you see how QuickBooks Online presents subaccounts. Hide subaccounts and view only the parent totals by clicking the Collapse button on the report toolbar.
- Balance Sheet The Balance Sheet shows the balance between assets, liabilities and equity in your company. It lists what you own, what you owe and what you have in your company. Here you can also see how QuickBooks Online presents subaccounts. Hide subaccounts and view only the parent totals by clicking the Collapse button on the report toolbar.
- Business Snapshot A visual representation of some of the company's key financial indicators: income, expenses, current to prior year comparisons along with customer and vendor balances.
   Print each graph by clicking the **printer** icon at the top right of each graph.
- Profit and Loss Detail The Profit and Loss Detail report lists the transactions making up a category total for the reporting period
- Statement of Cash Flows This shows the cash generated (or used) by the business and cash in or out from investments or financing for the reporting period
- Audit Log Use this report to find transactions or actions taken in QuickBooks Online
- **Balance Sheet Summary** This report summarizes what you own (assets), what you owe (liabilities), and what you've invested in your company (equity)

# WHO OWES YOU REPORTS (UNDER ALL REPORTS)

This group lists reports showing which customers owe you money and provides you with information regarding the age of your receivables:

- Accounts Receivable Aging Summary Gives a listing of your customers along with their open balances displayed by 30-, 60- and 90-day aging columns
- Collections Report Displays overdue invoices by customer along with customer contact information
- Statement List Provides a log of statements sent to customers, including the number and date
  of the statement
- Accounts Receivable Aging Detail
- Customer Balance Summary & Detail
- Invoice List Shows a chronological list of all your invoices for a selected date rage

## WHAT YOU OWE REPORTS (UNDER ALL REPORTS)

This group lists reports showing you how much you owe vendors, providing you with information regarding how old or the "age" of your payables:

- Accounts Payable Aging Detail Lists all open bills sorted by their aging: current, over 30, over 60 and over 90 days
- Bill Payment List A list of your bills paid during a specific time period
- Unpaid Bills Lists your open bills sorted by vendor
- Accounts Payable Aging Summary The total amount of your unpaid bills, grouped by days
  past due
- Vendor Balance Summary & Detail

# OTHER REPORT GROUPS (UNDER ALL REPORTS)

Other report groups are determined by both the subscription level of the QuickBooks Online company and the features enabled:

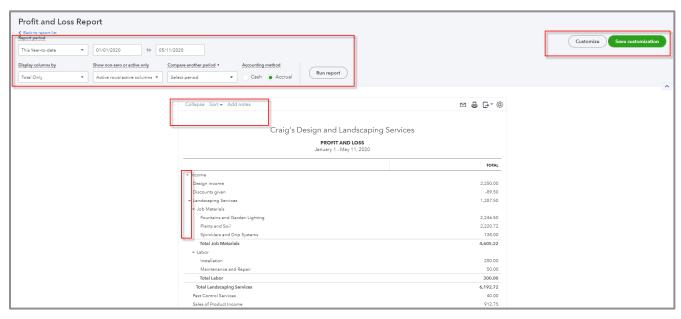
- Sales and Customers
- Expenses and Vendors
- Sales Tax
- Employees
- Payroll
- For my Accountant

# CUSTOMIZE REPORTS - LIST, SUMMARY, DETAIL AND SPECIALIZED REPORTS

There are four types of reports in QuickBooks Online:

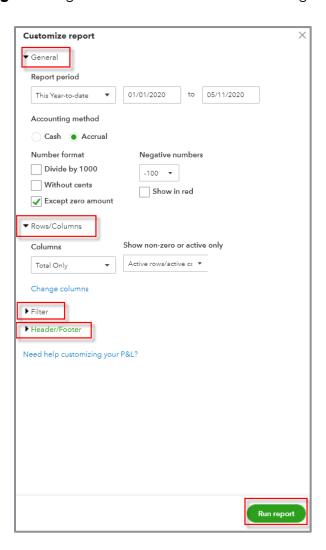
- List Reports Include information about the lists: Customers, Vendors, Products/Services or transactions such as invoices and bills. Nothing is totaled on these reports, they are just lists.
- Summary Reports Contain summary information listed by name or account: Profit and Loss Summary, Balance Sheet Summary, Sales by Customer Summary or Sales by Product/Service Summary. These total amounts by account.
- Detail Reports Contain transaction detail about a name or account: Profit and Loss Detail,
   Balance Sheet Detail and Accounts Payable Aging Detail
- Specialized Reports Reports in QuickBooks Online that are not list, summary, or detail. These
  types of reports combine information from different sources. Statement of Cash Flows, Audit Log
  and Payroll Liability Report are specialized reports.

Customize existing reports by filtering for specific list items or changing the name of a report. Much of the customization is done directly in the report window. If more customization is necessary, choose the **Customize** icon in the upper right of the window for more options. Once a report is customized to your liking, click **Save customization**; it will then be listed in the Custom Reports folder. From there, share the report or schedule the report to be emailed at set intervals.



**CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS ON REPORTS** 

- General settings Include the report dates and number format
- Rows/Columns settings Allows a choice of report columns to be displayed. Click the column
  drop-down in a summary report or click the Change Columns button in a detail report. You can
  also add Sub-columns for Comparison such as Previous Period or % of Income.
- Filter settings Use the list drop-downs to filter the data you want to see on the report. For
  example, to run a Profit and Loss report for a particular class, filter the report to show only one
  class. Different reports have different lists to filter based on the type of report being customized.
- **Header/Footer settings** Change the header or footer text and alignment



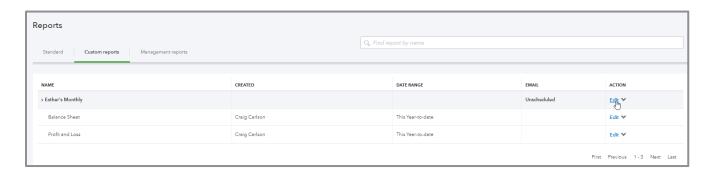
#### **WORK WITH REPORT GROUPS**

Find grouped reports in the Custom Reports tab in the Reports Center. To create a group, click the **drop-down** next to **Save customization** and choose **Add new group**.

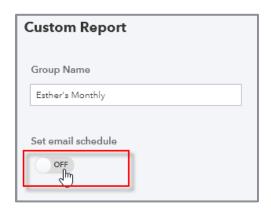
Report groups are very useful. Export a custom report to PDF or Excel format by clicking the **drop-down** next to **Edit**.

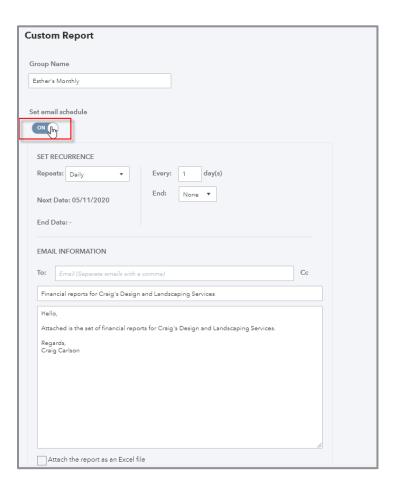
Another exciting feature is setting an email schedule for report groups. To set a schedule:

1. Click **Edit** next to the group name.



2. Check the **Set the email schedule** toggle. This opens the scheduling box in the Report Group Settings.





- 3. Set the schedule by choosing an option in the **Repeats** drop-down in the **Set Recurrence** area. Choose from Daily, Weekly, Monthly or Twice a month. Choose the days and frequency there are so many options!
- 4. Once the schedule is set, enter the recipient email, a subject and note. Click **Save**.
- 5. Click the checkbox next to **Attach the report as an Excel file**. If not attached as an Excel file, each emailed report arrives as a PDF attachment.

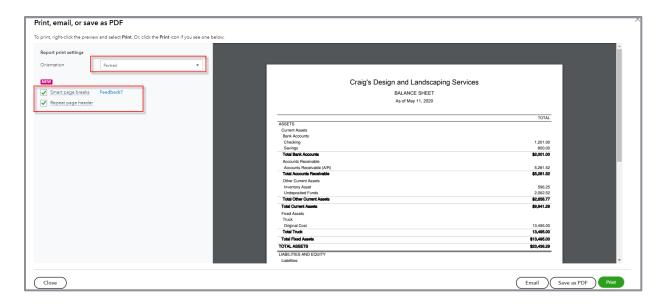
Grouped reports are an amazing tool to help businesses streamline their processes. By using scheduled reports, one is reminded to complete tasks such as billing for unbilled time and expenses by sending them reports at regular intervals.

# PRINT, EMAIL AND EXPORT REPORTS

To print a report in QuickBooks Online, click the **print** icon at the top right of the report.

There are browser settings to manipulate when printing and saving reports:

- Choose the orientation: Landscape or Portrait
- Choose if you want to have Smart page breaks, which keeps items that belong in the same group together for ease of reading
- Choose if you want to Repeat the page header (company name, report title and date) on every page





**TIP:** When printing wide or long reports, if some of the columns and/or rows in your report don't print the way you want them to (i.e., all on one page), try making the margins smaller, eliminating zero columns or exporting to Excel to perform additional formatting. Then print the report from Excel.

To email a report, click the **email** icon. Fill in the required information. Click **Send**.



TIP: Include your email in the CC: field so you have a copy of the email!

Export reports from QuickBooks Online by clicking the **export** icon at the top right of the report screen and choose **Export to Excel**. Your other option is to choose Export to PDF.

# **Expanded Functionality in the Office** and On the Go

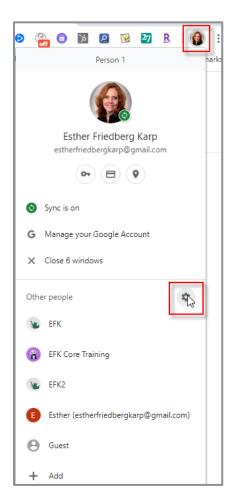
#### **QUICKBOOKS LABS**

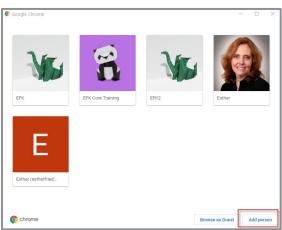
QuickBooks Labs in QuickBooks Online allows you to try out new tools and features without the commitment. Intuit launches plug-ins created by Intuit and third-party vendors from this menu found using the gear icon menu under Your Company. Some of the current offerings in QuickBooks Labs are the Cash Flow Dashboard Widget and Import Style for bringing in sales form templates from Word. The great thing about QuickBooks Labs is you can try the feature and turn it off if it isn't for you. Sometimes these features are discontinued; other times, they become permanent features in QuickBooks Online. It's a good idea to check into QuickBooks Labs frequently to see what's new.

#### **BEST PRACTICES WITH BROWSERS**

Because QuickBooks Online is web-based, you must use a browser to access it (Chrome is recommended). Here are some best practices and tips to make your experience with QuickBooks Online amazing:

• Create a QuickBooks Online "person" - Chrome allows you to create multiple users that can be customized with different bookmarks and preferences. To create a new person in Chrome, click profile (it may be someone's picture) in the top right, next to the three vertical dots that indicate more options → small gear icon (Manage people). Click Add Person. Choose an icon and give the new user a name (maybe something like QBO-user). Opt to create a desktop shortcut for this new person to use exclusively for QuickBooks Online.





- Working with two QuickBooks Online Companies at the same time To work in two QuickBooks Online companies open at the same time, set up two new people in Chrome. Alternately, open one company in Chrome and open another company using a second browser, such as Mozilla Firefox. Or open one in Chrome and the other in your browser's Incognito mode (even if it's Chrome again). In all cases, two different browser accounts are open at the same time.
- Customize the Bookmark bar Customizing the bookmark bar can really enhance your experience using QuickBooks Online. Add bookmarks for the screens used most and even organize them into lists by using folders. To enable the bookmark bar in your newly created Chrome user account, click the three vertical dots → Bookmarks → Show Bookmark bar. Add bookmarks by clicking the star at the top right of the address bar. To rename a bookmark, right-click it and select Edit. You can organize your bookmarks by creating folders on your bar and grouping them by the type of screen, client workflow, or other system meaningful to you.
- **Duplicate** Duplicate your window by right-clicking the tab you have open then duplicate. This opens a new screen of QuickBooks Online.
- Working with multiple monitors If you use multiple display monitors, pull a tab out of the window and move it to another monitor. This keeps you logged into the same company but allows you to view two windows at the same time. Tile windows on the same monitor by restoring down, resizing your windows and arranging them.
- **Right-click the back arrow** This displays a list of screens recently opened. Left-click the one to open and resume working.
- Clear browsing data If you receive errors or you are getting unexpected results while working in QuickBooks Online, try clearing your cache and cookies. To do this click the three vertical dots → History → Clear browsing data.

# **Support**

# **USE THE HELP FUNCTION**

The Help menu in QuickBooks Online includes a search box. Users can search for answers to common issues. It also shows common help topics related to the screen the user currently has open.

## **QUICKBOOKS BLOG**

The QuickBooks Blog (<a href="http://quickbooks.intuit.com/blog/">http://quickbooks.intuit.com/blog/</a>) is an excellent resource for official updates and tips for QuickBooks Online. It's updated constantly. Check in often to make sure you are staying on top of the latest and greatest.