

## **How to Start a Barbershop Business (Checklist)**

1. Do Market Research ⊔	1. Do Market Research ⊔	
a. Survey consumers $\square$		
b. Research economic studies $\square$		
c. Study competitors $\square$		
d. Analyze the demographics of your target m	narket 🗆	
e. Pass out samples $\square$		
2. Create a Business Plan □		
a. Executive summary $\square$		
b. Business description $\square$		
c. Market analysis $\square$		
d. Organization management $\square$		
e. Sales strategy $\square$		
f. Funding needs □		
g. Financial projections $\square$		
3. Secure Financing □		
a. Attract investors $\square$		
i. Sell equity in your business $\square$		
ii. Secure a private loan from friends o	or family $\square$	
b. Apply for a loan $\square$		
i. Meet with a lender $\square$		

ii. Fill out the application form $\Box$
iii. Provide collateral and your credit history $\Box$
iv. Sign a loan agreement after approval $\square$
4. Create a Legal Entity □
a. Choose your legal structure $\square$
b. Register with your State $\square$
c. Get an Employer Identification Number (EIN) $\square$
5. Find Office/Retail Space □
a. Determine if you really need a space $\square$
b. Calculate costs □
i. Find out what's in your budget $\square$
ii. Total utilities $\square$
iii. Total technology costs $\square$
iv. Total rent and maintenance $\square$
c. Shop around $\square$
6. Purchase Insurance □
a. Find out what type of insurance your business needs
b. Find a provider or agent $\square$
c. Purchase a policy $\square$
7. Hire Employees □
a. Write a job description □
b. Post on a job board □
c. Review applications and resumes
d. Interview candidates □
e Check references



	f. Send a job offer □
	g. Fill out the mandatory IRS forms $\square$
8. Dev	velop Business Relationships 🗆
	a. Join a chamber of commerce or business association $\hfill\Box$
	b. Attend networking events $\square$
	c. Ask for meetings with suppliers $\hfill\Box$
9. Bra	nd and Advertise □
	a. Craft your brand $\square$
	i. Write an elevator pitch $\square$
	ii. Find out who your customers are $\square$
	iii. Decide what kind of brand personality you want to have $\Box$
	iv. Determine what you want people to associate your brand with $\hfill\Box$
	b. Connect with customers through advertising $\square$
	i. Set up email marketing software $\square$
	ii. Set up SMS marketing software $\square$
	iii. Create social media accounts for your business $\hfill\Box$