

Where Are YOU in Your Planning? Planning Stage Self-Assessment

Most new business owners tend to start out with a lot of vague ideas and a lot of questions. As a business takes shape and becomes more complex, the questions change. Where are you in your planning process? Take a few minutes to complete this worksheet.

Planning Stage	Status: Complete, In Process or Not Started
I know why I am starting this business, what benefit I want from the business, and what size business I need to start to achieve that benefit.	
I have a business idea that I have shared with lots of people, including potential customers.	
I know how much money I need to open my new business.	
I know how much money I will need to keep operating for at least six months.	
I have written a business plan that has been reviewed by experts. They tell me it is well thought-out and complete.	
I know where to locate all the funding I need to open and operate my business for at least six months.	
I opened my business and I am running it! I know what to do on a day-to-day basis. I delegate some tasks so I stay focused on top priority issues.	

There are no wrong answers. This list helps identify your stage in the planning process for starting a business. This assessment can serve as a basis of your following action plans and can help you identify your next steps in developing and implementing your business plan.