

Instructional Scenario

Business Net Worth Statement



Course/Duty Area: Business Management/Conducting Financial Activities

Scenario:

Stephanie needs to keep a business net worth statement of all their assets and liabilities for income taxes and property insurance. Stephanie owns a vintage clothing store and keeps track of all their assets and liabilities, including items they sell and the debt they owe. Stephanie has a car and some other possessions that they file under their business. They also have some credit card debt and other loans.

Big Question:

What is Stephanie's total net worth, and is Stephanie solvent or insolvent?

Focused Questions:

- What is *net worth*?
- What is the formula for calculating your business net worth?
- What are *assets*?
- What are *liabilities*?
- What is the difference between *solvent* and *insolvent*? (Explain using Stephanie's business net worth statement.)
- What can Stephanie do to continue to improve their business net worth?
- What does Stephanie need to do to get out of the red?

Project-Based Assessment:

Students will create a spreadsheet with sample items reflecting Stephanie's net worth. These items may include purchase prices, current values, and amount owed on debt.

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