

# CASH FLOW TEMPLATE FOR ENTREPRENEURS

## SECTION A: OPENING BALANCE

| Description               | Amount (R) |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Opening Bank Balance      |            |
| Cash on Hand              |            |
| <b>Total Opening Cash</b> |            |

## SECTION B: CASH INFLOWS (Money Coming In)

| Income Source             | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Total |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Sales – Product/Service 1 |        |        |        |        |       |
| Sales – Product/Service 2 |        |        |        |        |       |
| Client Retainers          |        |        |        |        |       |
| Once-Off Projects         |        |        |        |        |       |
| Loans Received            |        |        |        |        |       |
| Owner Investment          |        |        |        |        |       |
| Other Income              |        |        |        |        |       |
| <b>Total Inflows</b>      |        |        |        |        |       |

## SECTION C: CASH OUTFLOWS (Money Going Out)

### Fixed Expenses

| Expense                     | Amount (R) |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Rent                        |            |
| Salaries/Wages              |            |
| Utilities                   |            |
| Insurance                   |            |
| Software Subscriptions      |            |
| Internet                    |            |
| Loan Repayments             |            |
| Other Fixed Costs           |            |
| <b>Total Fixed Expenses</b> |            |

### Variable Expenses

| Expense              | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Total |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Stock Purchases      |        |        |        |        |       |
| Marketing            |        |        |        |        |       |
| Transport            |        |        |        |        |       |
| Packaging            |        |        |        |        |       |
| Commission           |        |        |        |        |       |
| Maintenance          |        |        |        |        |       |
| Other Variable Costs |        |        |        |        |       |

|                                |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Total Variable Expenses</b> |  |  |  |  |  |
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## SECTION D: CASH POSITION

| Calculation                 | Amount (R) |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total Opening Cash          |            |
| + Total Inflows             |            |
| – Total Outflows            |            |
| <b>Closing Cash Balance</b> |            |

### Weekly Cash Flow Tracker

Many entrepreneurs fail because they track monthly instead of weekly.

| Week   | Opening Balance | Inflows | Outflows | Net Cash Flow | Closing Balance |
|--------|-----------------|---------|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Week 1 |                 |         |          |               |                 |
| Week 2 |                 |         |          |               |                 |
| Week 3 |                 |         |          |               |                 |
| Week 4 |                 |         |          |               |                 |

## How Entrepreneurs Should Use This

### 1. Forecast First

Project the next 3 months BEFORE the month starts.

### 2. Update Weekly

Every Friday:

- Record actual income received
- Record actual expenses paid
- Compare forecast vs actual

### 3. Watch These 3 Warning Signs

- Closing balance dropping 2 months in a row
- Sales growing but cash decreasing (credit sales problem)
- Stock purchases higher than sales growth

## Simple Formula Entrepreneurs Must Understand

Cash Flow does not equal Profit

You can be profitable and still go bankrupt if:

- Clients pay late
- You buy too much stock
- You repay debt too aggressively
- You grow too fast

## Pro Tip for Entrepreneurs

Always maintain:

- Minimum 2–3 months operating expenses in reserve
- Separate tax savings account
- Separate VAT account (if VAT registered in South Africa)