

How to Start a Subscription Box Business

Checklist

1.	Do market research. □			
	a.	Survey consumers. □		
	b.	Research economic studies. \square		
	c.	Study competitors. \square		
	d.	Analyze the demographics of your target market. \Box		
2.	Cr	eate a Business Plan. □		
	a.	Executive summary. □		
	b.	Business description. \square		
	c.	Market analysis. \square		
	d.	Organization management. \square		
	e.	Sales strategy. □		
	f.	Funding needs. □		
	g.	Financial projections. □		
3.	Se	cure Financing. □		
	a.	Attract investors. □		
		i. Sell equity in your business. \square		
		ii. Secure a private loan from friends and family. \Box		
	b.	Apply for a loan. \square		
		i. Meet with a lender. \square		

4.	Cre	eate a Legal Entity. □		
	a.	Choose your legal structure. □		
	b.	Register with your State. □		
	c.	Get an Employer Identification Number (EIN). \square		
5.	Hire employees. □			
	a.	Write a job description. \square		
	b.	Post on a job board. □		
	c.	Review applications and resumes. \square		
	d.	Interview candidates. □		
	e.	Check references. □		
	f.	Send a job offer. \square		
	g.	Fill out mandatory IRS forms. □		
6.	Create a Website. □			
	a.	Register a domain name. □		
	b.	Design your website. □		
	c.	Install payment facilities. □		
7.	De	velop Business Relationships. \square		
	a.	Join a chamber of commerce or business association. \Box		
	b.	Attend networking events. \square		
	c.	Ask for meetings with suppliers. \square		
8.	Brand and Advertise. □			
	a.	Craft your brand. □		
		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. \Box		

b.	Connect with customers through advertising. \square		
	i.	Set up email marketing software. \square	
	ii.	Find out who your customers are. \Box	
	iii.	Decide what kind of brand personality you want to have. \Box	