



Taking my learning further



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1 What have I learned?

We hope you found *Starting your small business* interesting and informative.

You may remember answering a few questions at the start of the course about your learning motivations. Now you've completed all or part of the course we'd like to ask you to reflect on your experience by completing one last short activity.

Activity 1

Allow about 15 minutes

[Questionnaire about your learning \(2\)](#)

If you would like to review your responses to the first questionnaire at the start of the course you can do so by revisiting the [Questionnaire about your learning \(1\)](#) at the start of the course.

Consider where you were when you first started this course.

- How did studying this course fit within your general everyday routine? Did you dedicate time to work on it or were you given time to complete the work?
- Were there any particular challenges you faced? How did you overcome them?
- Have you learned anything that you will be able to take forwards in the future? How might this influence how you do things in the future?

By studying this course you should now be able to:

- explain what business structures are available and suitable for a small business in the UK
- recognise the ways in which a small business can gain and keep customers
- identify the financial and legal obligations of running a small business
- explain some of the common aspects of successful small businesses.

2 Badges and statement of participation



We hope that you now feel a sense of achievement after collecting all the badges for *Starting your small business*. For a reminder on how to obtain your badges after completing a section, please see [How do I access my badge?](#)

For a reminder on how to obtain your statement of participation after achieving all of your badges, please see [How do I access my statement of participation?](#)

If you haven't yet collected the full set of four badges for *Starting your small business*, you still have the opportunity to return to the course and attempt other sections. When you have collected all four badges you will be able to download a statement of participation. It shows that you have successfully completed the whole course and you can take it to your employer to demonstrate self-directed learning and support for personal development.

When you have successfully completed a section and passed the associated quiz assessment, you will receive your *Starting your small business* badge for that section. You will receive email notification that your badge has been awarded and it will appear in your *My badges* area in your profile. Please note it can take up to 24 hours for a badge to be issued.

You will be notified by email if you have received a statement of participation. Once it is available (as a PDF file), you will be able to see and download it from your OpenLearn Works profile.

It may take up to 24 hours for the statement of participation to be issued after you have completed the course.

3 Where next?

We hope you enjoyed *Starting your small business*, and we hope the course has inspired you to continue your learning journey. Below are some key links of where you might like to go next.

Progressing your career

There is a lot of advice available to individuals wishing to start their own business, here are some we think are worth looking at:

- [The Start Up Donut](#) is a collection of articles and blogs to help the new start up.
- [Business is Great Britain](#) is a UK government site with practical advice and links for the aspiring business owner.
- [Companies House](#) is the place to go for information on limited companies.

Volunteering

You may like to consider volunteering to extend and enhance your skills and knowledge. These websites may help you to think about your options:

- [Leonard Cheshire Disability](#)
- [National Council for Voluntary Organisations \(NCVO\)](#)

The National Extension College

You may be interested in studying the subject in slightly more depth. The National Extension College (NEC) offers [a range of business courses](#).

More free, informal courses

Starting your small business is one of a suite of six courses. You may like to study one of the other [five](#).

The Open University also provides [further online introductory courses](#) and [skills for study courses](#), all of which are free and online.

[FutureLearn](#) also has a wide range of online courses that you may like to consider.

The Open University

You may like to consider one of The Open University's [Access courses](#) to prepare you for successful study towards a nationally recognised higher education qualification.

The OU offers [a range of qualifications](#) that you might want to consider.

Business management degree qualification

If you would like to take a more in-depth look at studying business functions and the management of business then you can find out more at The Open University's

[Business Management qualifications website](#).

The PEARL website

[Part-time Education for Adults Returning to Learn \(PEARL\)](#) is a useful website for adults looking for part-time study opportunities, including all types of provision from free, non-accredited courses through to higher-level learning.

FEEDBACK

4 Feedback

Finally, please take our short [end-of-course survey](#).

We're really interested in hearing from you and completing this survey should take no more than 10 minutes.

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