

What is an Enterprise?

It is often defined as an organisation or project undertaken for gain, e.g. profit.

What is an Entrepreneur?

A person who sets up a business, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.



What entrepreneurial qualities should I have?

- Motivation
- Independence
- Innovative / Creative
- Confidence
- Risk taker
- Decisiveness
- Realistic



Self-employment

Pros:

- The freedom to fit work around your family life
- Answering only to yourself and your clients
- Escaping the cost and pressure of commuting
- You get to work on a multitude of different projects, with different companies and meeting new people
- The excitement of taking responsibility for your company's success

Cons:

- Lack of employment security
- Lost earnings if you take a holiday
- Losing the division between work and home time - home working can also mean your home becomes an office
- If you work alone, you can become isolated

Top tips to streamline the business start-up process



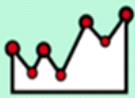
Decide what kind of business you want

Being an entrepreneur hasn't anything to do with being the smartest or the best, it is about daring and taking a risk. Sometimes thinking outside the box is best, use your instincts and skills to turn a much loved hobby into a profitable business.



Write a BUSINESS PLAN

Your business plan will be an important part of starting your new business. Not only does it act as a 'route map' for your business but it will also help you focus on your goals and objectives. It is essential if you need to seek funding from a bank or an outside investor.



Choose your BUSINESS STRUCTURE

A business structure **describes the legal structure of a company that influences the day-to-day operations of a business.**

A sole trader and partnership are simple to set up since they are not required to meet ongoing requirements - such as shareholder meetings and voting.



Assemble your TEAM

You should only hire new employees **when there's enough work to demand additional help** and your financial situation is stable enough to manage the additional cost of a new employee



Handle paperwork

You will be required to:

- Register your business with HMRC
- Keep records of your business's sales and expenses
- Make a Self-Assessment tax return every year
- Pay Income Tax on your profits

There are two main types of limited company:

- A private limited company (Ltd)
- A public limited company (plc)

Franchising:

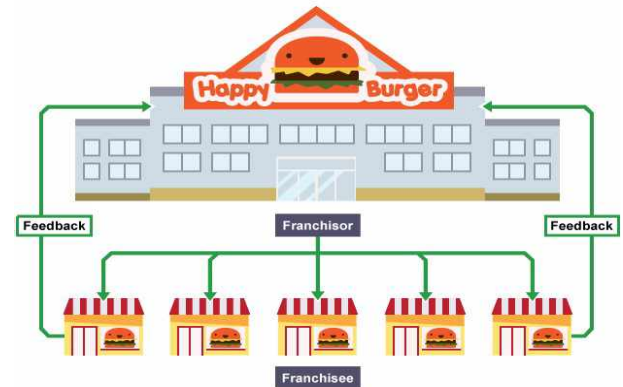
An entrepreneur can opt to set up a new independent business and try to win customers. An alternative is to buy into an existing business and acquire the right to use an existing business idea. This is called franchising.

A franchise is a joint venture between:

- franchisee
- franchisor

A franchise is usually less risky than setting up your own business as with a franchise it already has proven techniques and is a well-known brand.

Type of business	Private limited company (Ltd)	Public limited company (plc)	Franchises	Cooperative
				
Owned by shareholders	✓	✓		
Leasing brand name to franchisee			✓	
Owned by workers				✓
Run by board of directors	✓	✓		✓
Run by franchisor			✓	
Funded by retained profits	✓	✓		✓
Funded by shares	✓	✓		
Funded by royalties			✓	



If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of starting your own business

Or you are ready to 'Go For It'

The Exploring Enterprise Programme or the Start a Business Programme could be for you!



Do you need help getting into self employment or employment?

This is a **free** programme that helps you take the first steps to gaining employment or exploring your business idea.





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The Go For It programme can help you get a Business Plan together and get started.

Contact: www.nmea.net
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