

Monthly Close Checklist

The steps a clean monthly close runs through, in order, before figures are reported.

Bank and cash

- ☐ Reconcile every bank account to statement
- ☐ Reconcile credit cards and payment gateway settlements
- ☐ Account for gateway fees, refunds and chargebacks separately
- ☐ Verify cash balance against the physical count

Revenue

- ☐ Confirm every invoice raised is recorded
- ☐ Book unbilled revenue where work is delivered but not invoiced
- ☐ Record credit notes and discounts in the correct period
- ☐ Reconcile sales register to GSTR-1

Purchases and expenses

- ☐ Match purchase invoices to goods or services received
- ☐ Reconcile purchases against GSTR-2B and list exceptions
- ☐ Book accruals for expenses incurred but not invoiced
- ☐ Release prepaid expenses for the month

Payroll and statutory

- ☐ Post salary, PF, ESI and professional tax entries
- ☐ Post salary TDS and confirm the challan is paid
- ☐ Reconcile TDS deducted on vendor payments
- ☐ Confirm advance tax provision where applicable

Period close

- ☐ Post depreciation for the month
- ☐ Review the trial balance line by line
- ☐ Confirm control account balances agree to sub-ledgers
- ☐ Lock the period once reviewed

Reporting

- ☐ Prepare P&L, balance sheet and cash flow
- ☐ Compare actuals against budget and explain variances
- ☐ Update receivables and payables ageing
- ☐ Circulate the pack and hold the review call

Need help with this?

We run this close for clients and deliver the pack by the 10th. Book a consultation to see a sample month.