The IRS website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) provides examples of documentation that applicants may provide (but are not limited to) to support the calculation of self-employment income. The information below is for guidance purposes only, and came directly from the IRS website.

Purchases, sales, payroll, and other transactions you have in your business will generate supporting documents. Supporting documents include sales slips, paid bills, invoices, receipts, deposit slips, and canceled checks. These documents contain the information you need to estimate net income.

The following are examples of some of the types of records that will be required:

* **Gross receipts** are the income you receive from your business. You should keep supporting documents that show the amounts and sources of your gross receipts.

Documents for gross receipts include the following:

* + Cash register tapes
  + Deposit information (cash and credit sales)
  + Receipt books
  + Invoices
  + Forms 1099-MISC
* **Purchases** are the items you buy and resell to customers. If you are a manufacturer or producer, this includes the cost of all raw materials or parts purchased for manufacture into finished products. Your supporting documents should show the amount paid and that the amount was for purchases.
* **Expenses** are the costs you incur (other than purchases) to carry on your business. Your supporting documents should show the amount paid and a description that shows the amount was for a business expense.

Documents for purchases and expenses include the following:

* + Canceled checks or other documents that identify payee, amount, and proof of payment/electronic funds transferred
  + Cash register tape receipts
  + Credit card receipts and statements
  + Invoices
  + Account statements
  + Petty cash slips for small cash payments