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Shoeboxed Uber Driver Expenses Template

Every category mapped to its Schedule C line. Tracks both vehicle methods and shows which one wins.

Step 1 — Your 1099-K vs your bank account

Your 1099-K reports GROSS fares — the total riders paid, including Uber's cut. Pull both numbers from your Uber Tax Summary (Driver app → Account → Tax info).

Gross fares (1099-K / Tax Summary):	$0.00
Uber service fees & commissions (Tax Summary):	$0.00 ← this number is ALSO your Line 10 deduction (the sheet adds it below
What actually hit your bank:	**$0.00**

Step 2 — Your miles

Business miles = miles driven while working (your Tax Summary shows on-app miles; your own log substantiates the rest). Total miles = odometer Jan 1 to Dec 31.

Business miles for the year:	0
Of those, business miles driven from July 1 on:	0
Total miles for the year (all driving):	0
Business-use % (auto):	**0.0%**
Standard-mileage deduction (72.5¢ before July 1, 76¢ from July 1):	**$0.00**

Deductible-either-way expenses (incl. platform fees / Line 10 from Step 1):	**$72.79**
Vehicle costs you logged (actual-method group):	$55.20
METHOD A — Standard mileage (Step 2 deduction + either-way expenses):	**$72.79**
METHOD B — Actual expenses (vehicle costs × business-use % + either-way expenses):	**$72.79**
YOUR BIGGER DEDUCTION: Method A — standard mileage	**$72.79**

Step 3 — Log every expense (pick a category; the sheet does the rest)

Date	Vendor	Category	Amount	Sch. C line	Method	Notes
2026-01-08	Verizon (60% business)	Phone & plan (business %)	$54.00	Line 25	EITHER	$90 plan × 60% app use
2026-01-09	Costco	Passenger supplies (water, gum, mints)	$18.79	Line 22	EITHER	Water flats + gum
2026-01-12	Quick Shine Express	Car washes & detailing	$14.00	Line 9	ACTUAL	Weekly wash (actual method only)
2026-01-15	Shell	Gas	$41.20	Line 9	ACTUAL	Only counts if I pick actual method
2026-01-31	Uber (Tax Summary)	Platform fees & commissions		Line 10	EITHER	Enter monthly or yearly from Tax Summary

Category (reference — don't edit)	*Sch. C line*	*Method*
Platform fees & commissions	*Line 10*	*EITHER*
Phone & plan (business %)	*Line 25*	*EITHER*
Phone mounts / chargers / cables	*Line 22*	*EITHER*
Passenger supplies (water, gum, mints)	*Line 22*	*EITHER*
Dash cam	*Line 27a*	*EITHER*
Tolls (business)	*Line 9 add-on*	*EITHER*
Parking (business)	*Line 9 add-on*	*EITHER*
Airport / city rideshare permits	*Line 23*	*EITHER*
Vehicle inspections (rideshare)	*Line 23*	*EITHER*
Mileage app / tracking subscription	*Line 18*	*EITHER*
First aid / safety kit	*Line 22*	*EITHER*
Gas	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Maintenance / oil / tires	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Car washes & detailing	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Auto insurance + rideshare endorsement	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Roadside assistance (AAA)	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Lease / loan interest (biz %)	*Line 9*	*ACTUAL*
Other	*Line 27a*	*EITHER*

Heads up: to use standard mileage on a car you own, you must pick it the FIRST year the car is in your business (IRS Pub 463). After that you can switch year to year. Tolls, parking, phone, supplies, and platform fees deduct under BOTH methods — that's why the sheet keeps them separate.

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Home Office Deduction Log

Your car is the workplace, but the mileage log, the Tax Summary reconciliation, and the quarterly estimates probably happen at home. First check that the space qualifies, then pick the bigger deduction.

Qualifies (exclusive and regular business use):

- ✓ A spare room or marked-off area used only for your driving business
- ✓ Where you keep the books: mileage log, Tax Summary reconciliation, quarterly estimates
- ✓ A dedicated desk where you do ALL the admin, with no other fixed office

Does NOT qualify:

- ✗ Your car (the mileage deduction on the main tab already covers it)
- ✗ The kitchen table you also eat dinner at (fails the exclusive-use test)
- ✗ Occasional admin from the couch with a laptop

How you lose the deduction: using the office for anything personal. One family movie night in the home office and the whole room fails the exclusive-use test. Keep it business-only.

Method 1 - Simplified (no receipts needed)

IRS Publication 587. $5 per square foot, up to 300 sq ft. Maximum $1,500.

Square feet of your home office (cap at 300):	150
Simplified deduction (sq ft × $5, capped at $1,500):	$750.00

Method 2 - Actual expenses (what you likely should use to maximize tax savings)

Enter your home and office square footage. The sheet calculates business use % and applies it to every expense line. No cap on th

Home sq ft (total):	2,000
Office sq ft (the space used exclusively for business):	150
Business use % (auto-calc = office ÷ home):	7.50%

Expense category	Annual cost	Office use %	Deduction
Mortgage interest (or rent)	$21,000	7.50%	$1,575.00
Property taxes	$7,000	7.50%	$525.00
Home insurance	$1,600	7.50%	$120.00
Utilities (electric, gas, water)	$2,400	7.50%	$180.00
Home internet	$1,200	7.50%	$90.00
Repairs & maintenance	$4,000	7.50%	$300.00
Depreciation (consult CPA)	$21,528	7.50%	$1,614.60
		Total deduction (no cap):	**$4,404.60**

Full automated calculator at shoeboxed.com/home-office-calculator — pulls your home's square footage from your address and co

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Business Mileage Log

IRS Publication 463. Four fields per trip is all the IRS needs. 2026 business rate: 72.5¢ a mile before July 1 and 76¢ a mile

Counts as business miles:

- ✓ Miles with a passenger in the car
- ✓ Driving to a pickup after you accept a ping
- ✓ Miles between trips while you're online and available
- ✓ Supply runs for the business (car wash, water flats, vehicle inspection)

Does NOT go in this log:

- ✗ Driving with the app off
- ✗ Personal errands woven into a shift (the detour is the personal share)
- ✗ Miles you can't back up with a log (Uber's summary only proves on-app miles)

One car, one method: you pick either the standard mileage rate OR actual expenses for the car, not both. And to use standard mileage you must choose it the first year the car is in your business (IRS Pub 463). The main tab compares both methods for you.

		Year-to-date mileage:	278	
		Mileage deduction (72.5¢ before July 1, 76¢ from July 1):		$201.55

Date	Destination (name + address)	Business Purpose	Miles	Deduction
2026-01-09	Downtown Phoenix loop	Friday night driving — 14 trips	118	$85.55
2026-01-10	Sky Harbor airport queue + trips	Saturday airport runs	96	$69.60
2026-01-12	East valley	Monday morning rush	64	$46.40

	Hate typing trips? The Shoeboxed app tracks every drive on GPS in the background, texts you the list at end of day, and you reply with which were business. The mileage log fills itself.				