Financial Terms Cheat Sheet

Accounts Payable (AP) (Balance Sheet)

• Money owed to vendors for goods/services.

Accounts Receivable (AR) (Balance Sheet)

• Money owed to your business by customers. Invoicing can be used for tracking and collection.

Accrual Basis Accounting

• Accounting method where transactions are recorded when earned (service has been delivered or used), regardless of when money is exchanged.

Assets (Balance Sheet)

Resources owned by the business. Include Current (Cash),
Fixed (Equipment), and Intangible assets (intellectual property).

Balance Sheet

• Financial Statement showing assets, liabilities and equity. It shows a snapshot of your company's health at a specific point in time. Assets = Liabilities + Equity.

Statement of Cash Flow

• Financial Statement that summarizes the movement of cash that comes in and out of company, over a period of time.

Cash-Basis Accounting

• Accounting method where revenue/expenses are recognized (recorded) when money is exchanged. Revenue is recognized when received. Expenses are recorded when paid.

Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) (Balance Sheet)

• The production cost of goods/services. Crucial for determining your profit margins.

Equity (Balance Sheet)

• Value invested by owners or shareholders. A business's net worth/value.

Fixed Assets (Balance Sheet)

• Long-term assets that are difficult to convert to cash. Ex) Land, machinery, vehicles, etc.

Intangible Assets (Balance Sheet)

• Non-physical assets such as patents, copyrights, trade secrets, etc.

Net Income (P&L)

• Revenue minus Expenses, including interest and tax expenses. This is the full picture. This is not cash flow, but contributes to cash flow.

Profit and Loss (P&L)

• Summary of revenues/expenses over a period of time. Evaluates a company's performance and profitability.

Shareholder

• An owner of shares in a company's stock

