



# Linking Bank Accounts & Credit Cards on QBO

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## **Log In to QuickBooks Online**

- Go to [QuickBooks Online](#).
- Enter your login credentials to access your QuickBooks Online account.

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## **Navigate to the Banking Menu**

- From the left-hand menu, select Banking or Transactions.
- Click on the Banking tab if you're not already there.

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## **Connect an Account**

- Click on the Link Account or Add Account button in the top right corner of the Banking page.

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## **Search for Your Bank or Credit Card**

- In the search field, enter the name of your bank or credit card company.
- Select your bank or credit card from the list of suggestions.

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## **Enter Your Bank Credentials**

- Enter your online banking username and password.
- Follow the prompts to verify your identity. This may include answering security questions or entering a one-time passcode sent to your phone or email.

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**Choose Accounts to Connect**

- Once logged in, you will see a list of accounts associated with your online banking credentials.
  - Select the accounts you want to connect to QuickBooks Online. You can connect multiple accounts, such as checking, savings, and credit card accounts.
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**Set the Date Range for Transactions**

- Choose the date range for the transactions you want to import. QuickBooks Online typically allows you to import up to 90 days of past transactions.
  - Confirm the selection to start importing transactions.
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**Review and Categorize Transactions**

- After connecting your accounts, QuickBooks Online will start importing transactions.
  - Review the imported transactions in the **For Review** tab under the **Banking** menu.
  - Categorize each transaction by selecting the appropriate expense or income category. You can also add a rule to automate the categorization of similar transactions in the future.
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**Match Transactions**

- QuickBooks will attempt to match imported transactions with those you've already entered into your register.
  - Review and confirm the matches, or manually match transactions if needed.
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**Reconcile Accounts**

- Regularly reconcile your bank and credit card accounts to ensure the accuracy of your financial records.
  - Go to the Accounting menu and select Reconcile.
  - Follow the prompts to complete the reconciliation process, matching your QuickBooks balance with your bank statements.
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## **Additional Tips**

**Automate Bank Feeds:** Set up bank rules to automate the categorization of transactions, saving time on manual entry.

**Review Regularly:** Regularly review your linked accounts to ensure all transactions are accurately categorized and no transactions are missed.

**Update Credentials:** If you change your online banking credentials, update them in QuickBooks Online to maintain the connection.

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## **Troubleshooting**

**Connection Issues:** If you encounter issues connecting your bank or credit card, ensure your online banking credentials are correct and check with your bank for any security settings that might block the connection.

**Missing Transactions:** If transactions are missing, manually update the bank feed by clicking on the Update button in the Banking menu.

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