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Lesson 5

**Use Other Accounts in QuickBooks** 



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## **Lesson Objectives**

- Introduce other account types available in QuickBooks
- Learn how to track credit card transactions in QuickBooks
- Reconcile a credit card account
- See how to make a credit card payment
- Discuss the different types of asset and liability accounts you can create and see how to track assets and liabilities in QuickBooks
- Introduce the subject of equity and QuickBooks equity accounts

## **Other Account Types in QuickBooks**

In this lesson you'll learn about these types of QuickBooks accounts:

- Credit card accounts Used to track transactions you pay for with a credit card
- Asset accounts Used to track current assets (those assets you're likely to convert to cash or use
  up within one year, such as inventory on hand) and fixed assets (such as long-term notes
  receivable and depreciable assets your business owns that aren't liquid, such as equipment,
  furniture or a building)
- **Liability accounts** Used to track current liabilities (those liabilities scheduled to be paid within one year, such as sales tax, payroll taxes and short-term loans) and long-term liabilities (such as loans or mortgages scheduled to be paid over terms longer than one year)
- Equity accounts Used to track owner's equity, including capital investment, draws and retained earnings

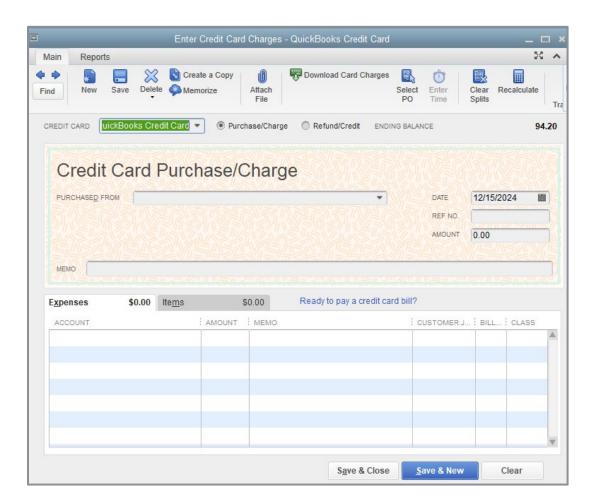
## **Enter Credit Card Charges**

QuickBooks lets you choose when to enter your credit card charges. You can enter credit card charges when you charge an item or when you receive the bill. Your choice depends on whether you like to enter information into QuickBooks incrementally or all at once. The advantage to entering charges when you charge them is that you can keep close track of how much you owe at any given time. You can also keep track of how much you spent at individual vendors or stores, regardless of how you paid for them (including credit card charges) by running a QuickReport on that vendor name. In addition, if the charge is for a particular job, you can keep track of how much you're spending on that job.

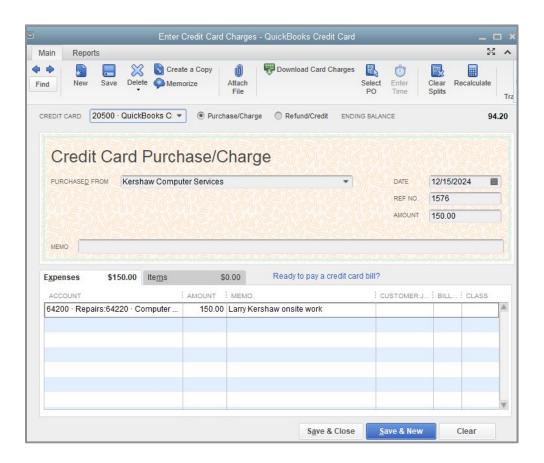


#### Step-by-Step: Enter a Credit Card Charge

1. From the Banking menu or Home page, choose **Enter Credit Card Charges**.



- 2. In the Credit Card field at the top, select the appropriate credit card account. (You can use the Tab key to move from field to field rather than taking your hands off the keyboard to use the mouse to point to the next field.)
- 3. Leave the radio button on **Purchase/Charge**. (If you are getting a refund or credit on the credit card, change the radio button to **Refund/Credit**.)
- 4. In the Purchased From field, enter the name of the vendor from whom you made the purchase.
- 5. Enter the remaining information about the charge (date, reference number, amount, memo, etc.) in the top or header section of the Enter Credit Card Charges screen.
- 6. In the detail section (the lower section of the Enter Credit Card Charges screen), there are two tabs the Expenses tab and the Items tab. Make sure that you are in the Expenses tab. Click on the **Expenses** tab if necessary.
- 7. Once in the Expenses tab, make sure your mouse pointer is in the first vacant row of the **Account** column and assign the charge to the corresponding expense account. Enter a memo in the Memo column if desired.



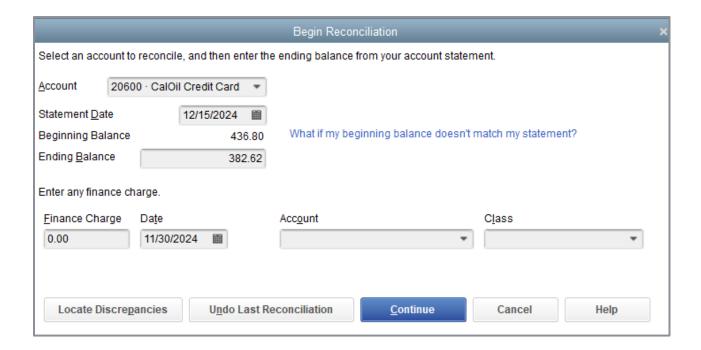
8. Click **Save & Close** to record the transaction and close the window.

#### **Reconcile a Credit Card Statement**



#### Step-by-Step: Reconcile a Credit Card Statement

- 1. From the Banking drop-down, choose Reconcile or Reconcile Credit Card.
- 2. In the Account drop-down, choose the appropriate credit card from the list.



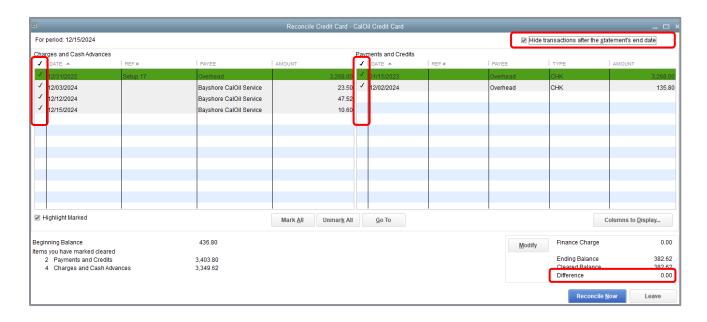
- 3. In the Statement Date field, enter the closing date of the statement you wish to reconcile.
- 4. In the Ending Balance field, enter the ending balance of the statement you wish to reconcile.
- 5. Click **Continue**. Proceed to next exercise.

#### **Mark Cleared Transactions**

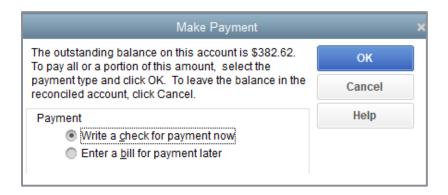


#### Step-by-Step: Mark Transactions as Cleared

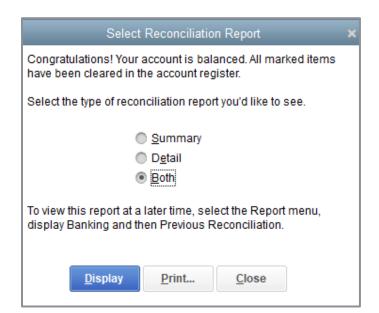
- 1. Place a checkmark in the box next to **Hide transactions after statement's end date** to show only transactions dated up to and including the statement end date.
- 2. In the Charges and Cash Advances section of the window on the left side, match the transactions with the charges on your statement. Place a checkmark next to each transaction in QuickBooks that appears on your statement. This marks the transaction as cleared in your QuickBooks register.
- 3. In the Payments and Credits section of the window on the right side, place a checkmark next to each transaction that matches your statement to mark the payments as cleared in the register.
  - You can open a transaction to view it and make changes to it, if necessary, by double-clicking on the transaction in the reconciliation window.
- 4. When you are done with this process, the Difference in the bottom right corner should be zero. When this difference is zero, and only when this difference is zero, click **Reconcile Now**.



5. QuickBooks will ask if you would like to enter a bill or write a check for the remaining balance on your credit card. You can choose one of these options or click **Cancel** if you would rather not do either one at this time.



6. In the Select Reconciliation Report window, you can choose to display or print your reconciliation reports. It is important to print both the Summary and Detail reports, and a best practice is to save them as PDFs for future reference.

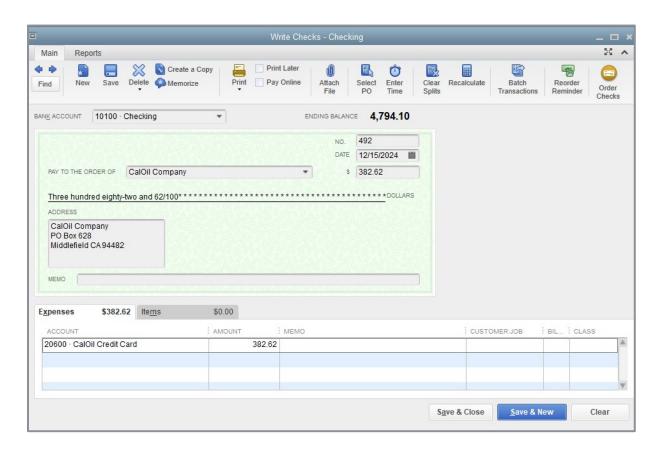


## **Pay a Credit Card Bill**



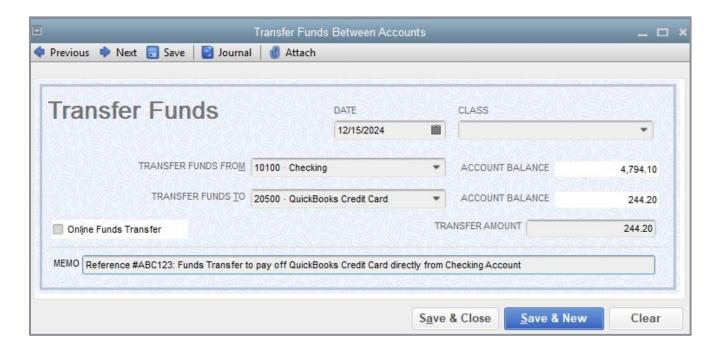
# Step-by-Step: Write a Check for the Bill Now (continued from the reconciliation above)

- 1. After reconciling, if you select **Write a check for payment now**, the Write Checks window will open. Make sure **Checking** is listed as the bank account.
- 2. Make sure you have the correct payment date on the check, as well as the check number, or if the check is to be printed, ensure that **Print Later** is checked.
- 3. Click in the Pay to the Order of field and select the name of the credit card company.
- 4. Notice in the Expenses tab that the account is prefilled with the CalOil Credit Card account (a credit card account).



5. Click **Save & Close** to record the transaction.

**NOTE:** If this is a credit card bill you can pay electronically by direct payment rather than by check, you can use the Transfer Funds function to transfer funds from your checking account to your credit card account.



#### **Work with Asset Accounts**



**IMPORTANT**: The remaining sections are somewhat advanced. It may be advisable to consult with your accountant or tax professional for assistance in dealing with these topics.

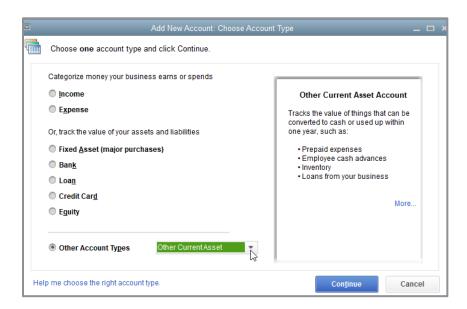
An Other Current Asset account tracks assets that are likely to be converted to cash or used up within one year. If you buy and sell inventory, the value of your entire inventory on hand usually appears in an Other Current Asset account called something like Inventory Asset. Other current assets might include treasury bills, certificates of deposit, prepaid expenses, prepaid deposits, reimbursable expenses and notes receivable (if due within one year).

A Fixed Asset account tracks assets your business owns that are not likely to be converted into cash within a year. A fixed asset is usually something necessary for the operation of your business, like a truck, cash register, computer or large printer. It is generally depreciated over time.

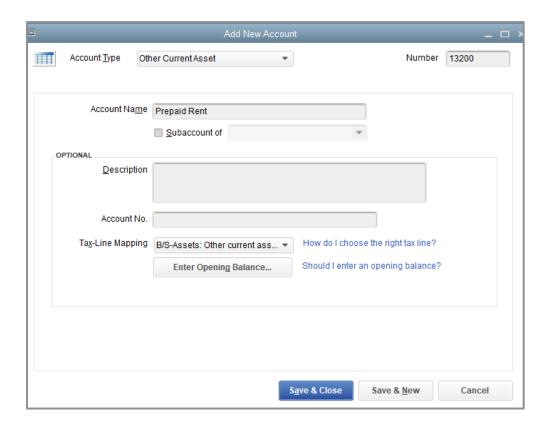


#### Step-by-Step: Set up an Other Current Asset Account

- 1. On the Home page, click **Chart of Accounts** (or use **CTRL**+**a** or any other method of opening the Chart of Accounts).
- 2. Click the **Account** menu button in the bottom left corner of the Chart of Accounts, and then choose **New**.
- 3. Click Other Account Types and choose Other Current Asset from the drop-down list.



- 4. Click Continue.
- 5. Enter the Account Name and Number you would like to use (you will see the Number field if Account Numbers have been enabled in the Accounting Preferences). You may also enter a Description.
- 6. Do not enter an opening balance.



7. Click Save & Close.

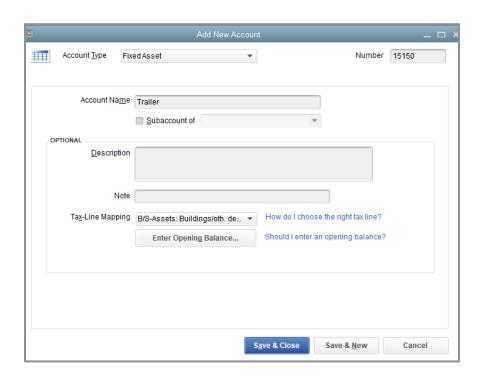
## **Set Up Asset Accounts to Track Depreciation**

Fixed assets are equipment or property your business owns that is not for sale. Since they last a long time, you don't completely charge their cost to the year in which you buy them. Instead, you spread their cost over several years. But because fixed assets wear out or become obsolete, their value declines constantly from the day you purchase them. The amount of this decline in value is called depreciation. Over time, the amount of depreciation accumulates and you can see the total decline in value at any point in time by looking at the accumulated depreciation as of that date. The Accumulated Depreciation account is generally set up as a fixed asset account and is very often set up as a subaccount of a fixed asset parent account.

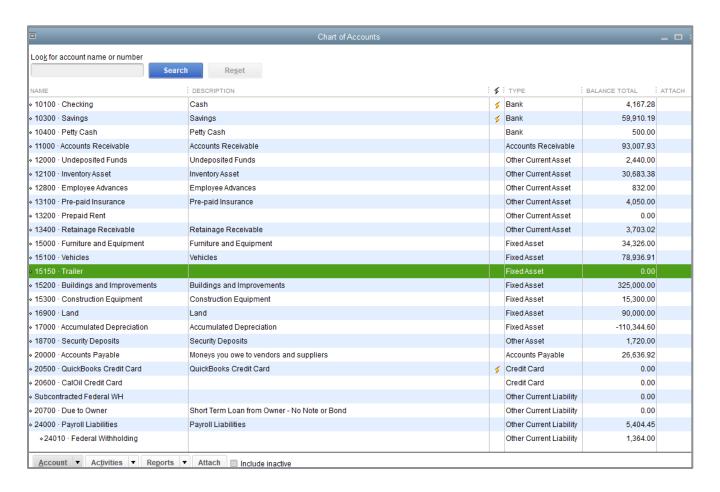


## Step-by-Step: Set up Asset Accounts to Track a New Trailer Purchased by Rock Castle Construction

- In the Chart of Accounts window, click the **Account** menu button in the bottom left corner, and then choose **New**.
- 2. In the Add New Account window, select **Fixed Asset (major purchase)**, and then click **Continue**.
- 3. Enter the Account Name and Number you would like to use, as well as a Description.



- 4. Do not enter an opening balance.
- 5. Click Save & Close.



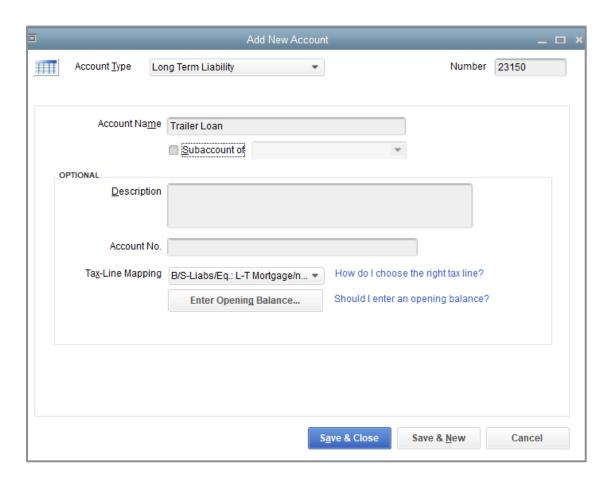
## **Track a Loan with a Long Term Liability Account**

The Long Term Liability account tracks debts which your business is not likely to pay off within a year. The most common long-term liabilities are loans you expect to pay off in more than one year.

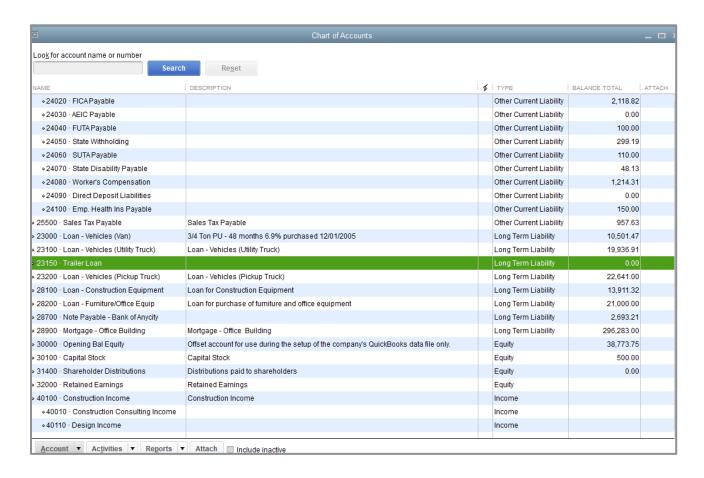


#### Step-by-Step: Track a Loan with a Long Term Liability Account

- 1. In the Chart of Accounts, click the **Account** menu button in the bottom left corner, and then choose **New**.
- 2. In the Add New Account window, select **Other Account Types** then choose **Long Term Liability** from the drop-down list.
- 3. Click Continue.
- 4. Enter the Account Name and Number you would like to use, as well as a Description.



- 5. Do not enter an opening balance.
- 6. Click Save & Close.



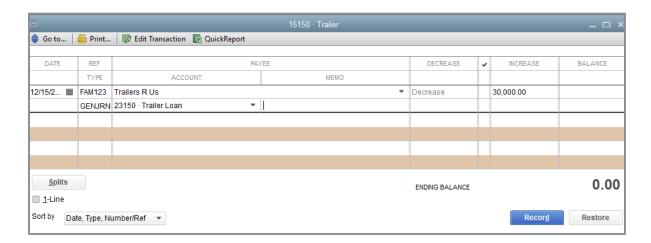
Because this is a new loan, you are either receiving money to deposit in your bank account or receiving a new asset worth the amount of the loan. In this example, you received an asset (the new trailer), so you need to show an increase in the asset's Cost account.



## Step-by-Step: Record an Increase in the Asset's Cost Account

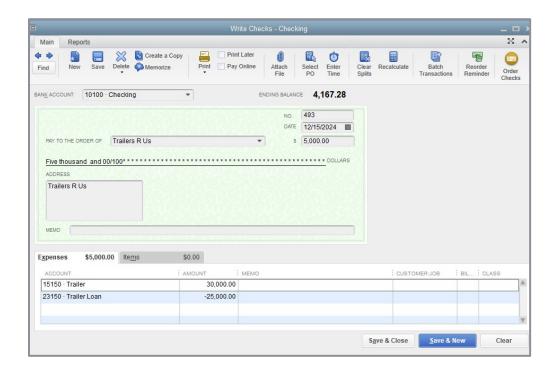
- In the Chart of Accounts, double-click the asset account that describes the asset you purchased (in this example, it would be the Trailer asset account). This will open the register for that asset account.
- 2. In the Date field, specify the date of the purchase using the loan funds. You can also enter a reference number in the Ref field if desired. If you wish, you can also enter the name of the person or company that sold the trailer to you in the Payee field.
- 3. In the Increase field, enter the dollar amount for which the asset was purchased.

4. In the Account field, select the corresponding liability account that was used to purchase the asset (in this example the Trailer Loan liability account).



- 5. Click Record.
- 6. Close the register window.
- 7. Close the Chart of Accounts.

Another way, which is especially useful if the loan made up only *part* of the purchase price, is to use the Write Checks window to create a check to the vendor for the portion of the purchase price being paid like this:



In this example, the check transaction recognizes the full purchase price or value of the fixed asset (\$30,000) and full amount of the loan (\$25,000), as well as the portion of the purchase price coming out the bank to pay the vendor (\$5,000).

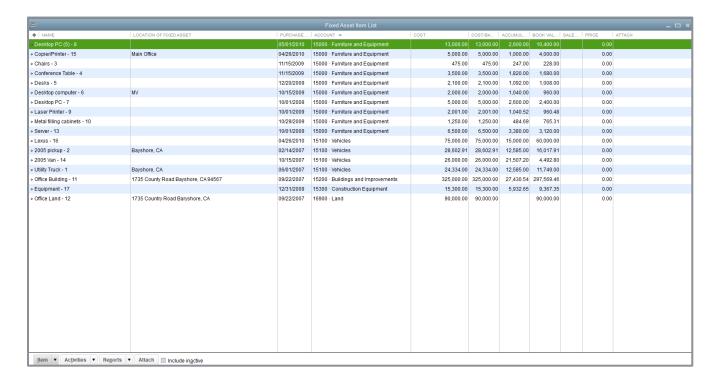
You can also, if you wish, enter the trailer on the Fixed Asset Item list. Tracking fixed assets using the Fixed Asset Item list enables you to record detailed information about an asset such as the purchase date and price, whether the asset was new or used when purchased, and the asset's sale price if you decide to sell it. You can also generate customizable reports listing all your fixed assets.

Entering information on the Fixed Asset Item list does not in any way affect your general ledger, and therefore does not double-count the entry in which you purchased the asset and incurred the loan.



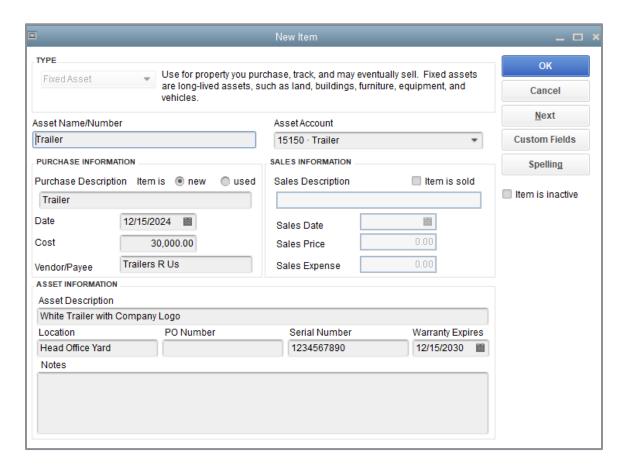
#### Step-by-Step: Create a Fixed Asset Item

From the Lists menu, choose Fixed Asset Item List.



2. Click the **Item** menu button then select **New**.

- 3. In the Asset Name/Number field, enter the name of the asset.
- 4. Enter the remaining information to complete the Purchase Information section.
- 5. Enter the remaining information to complete the Asset Information section.
- 6. Choose the corresponding asset account from the **Asset Account** drop-down list.



- 7. Click OK.
- 8. Close the Fixed Asset Item list.

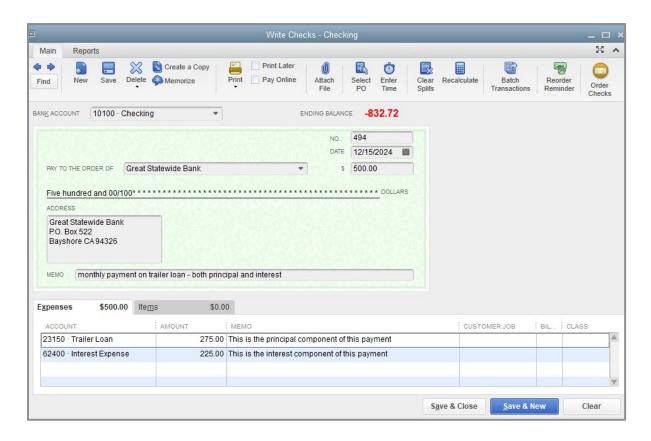
#### **Record a Payment on a Loan**

When it's time to make a payment on a loan, use the Write Checks window to record a check to your lender. Assign part of the payment to loan interest expense and the remainder to loan principal.



#### Step-by-Step: Record a Payment on a Loan

- 1. From the Banking menu choose **Write Checks**.
- 2. In the Pay to the Order of field enter the name of the lender.
- 3. Enter the dollar amount of the payment in the Amount field.
- 4. Click in the **Account** column on the Expenses tab and enter the liability account against which you are applying the principal portion of this payment. You can use multiple accounts/lines here to account for principal payment vs. interest expense.



5. Click **Save & Close** to record the payment and close the Write Checks window.

6. The split between principal and interest, as they comprise the total payment, will change from payment to payment in accordance with the loan amortization schedule.

When you record the transaction, QuickBooks automatically updates the accounts affected by this transaction:

- In your Checking bank account, QuickBooks subtracts the total amount of the check from your balance
- In the Interest expense account, QuickBooks enters the interest amount as an increase to your company's interest expense
- In the Trailer Loan liability account, QuickBooks subtracts the principal amount from the current value of the liability (reducing the amount of your debt)

## **Introduction to Equity Accounts**

Equity on your company's balance sheet is defined as the company's net worth. The total assets minus total liabilities equals the equity.

Equity is comprised of the company's retained earnings (or owner's equity if it is not an incorporated company) since the company's inception (incremented each year by that year's net income if it is positive, or reduced by that year's net income if it is negative or a loss), adjusted for, if they exist:

- Dividends paid out or owner's draw (these reduce equity)
- Common or preferred shares (these increase equity)
- Contributed or paid-in capital

# Use Other Accounts in QuickBooks – Review Questions

- 1. Accumulated depreciation is typically set up as what type of account in QuickBooks?
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  - c. A subaccount of a liability account
  - d. An expense account
- 2. Equity type accounts would be used to track which of the following?
  - a. Contributed or paid-in capital
  - b. Draws
  - c. Retained earnings
  - d. All of the above
- 3. Which of the following would likely be considered a long-term liability?
  - a. Vehicle loan
  - b. Accounts payable
  - c. Rent
  - d. Credit card account
- 4. Retained earnings is defined as which of the following?
  - a. The amount of money that a business retains for paying its employees
  - b. The earnings from non-essential business services
  - c. The amount of interest saved from paying off a loan early
  - d. The accumulation of a company's net income or loss from its start date

- 5. Which of the following would not decrease the value of a company's equity?
  - a. The company paying corporate dividends
  - b. The company incurring a net loss for the fiscal year
  - c. An owner drawing money out of the company
  - d. The company taking a loan out to purchase a new asset

## **Review Activities**

Assume that the owner of Rock Castle Construction has taken out a loan and purchased a computer system for \$15,000. He wants to track the accumulated depreciation and cost of the system in two separate fixed asset accounts.

- 1. Create a fixed asset account called Computer System.
- 2. Create a long-term liability account to track the loan.
- 3. Enter the amount of the loan as an increase in the asset's account. Assign the transaction to the loan liability account.

#### **Answers to Review Questions**

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