## BUSINESS PROFILE:

## TRADE SFRVGES

## Any business that swaps time/expertise for money

## EXAMPLES

Mechanics / Electricians / Plumbers / Drain layers / Machinery operators / IT Services etc

## BIGGEST CHALLENGES

- Variable workflow resulting in variable cashflow
- Not enough work to keep your staff busy OR not enough staff to get all your work done
- Scheduling to get the most out of your staff
- New jobs started prior to finishing previous jobs
- Low chargeable hours compared to hours paid to staff
- Prices based on industry expected rates rather than actual business costs
- Forced to take every job that comes in, regardless of how profitable


## BUSINESS MODEL

Hire expects/technicians, charge them out for more than what you pay them and add products onto your services

## BEST OPPORTUNITIES

- Monitoring chargeable hours
- Finding the jobs and staff that cause write-offs
- Developing effective scheduling and workflow management systems
- Comparing invoiced hours to payroll hours
- Utilising variation systems for unquoted work
- Calculating overhead to ensure charge out rate is sufficient
- Learning how to justify (sell) higher hourly rates


## RECOMMENDED ACTION

## GET A BUSINESS OPTIMISATION ANALYSIS | WHAT YOU'LL FIND OUT:

- The amount of money you should be making for a business your size
- A list of individual strategies that if actioned will make you more money
- You'll know "what to do" and see how much it's costing you "not to do"

