An example of a typical Income Statement as at a specific date

	Sales (turnover)		250 000
LESS	Cost of sales / (Variable costs)		
	(eg. Retail: Opening stock plus purchases - Closing stock)		
	(i.e. 0* + R80 000 - R10 000)		70 000
	= Gross Profit		180 000
LESS	Expenses (overheads or fixed costs)		85 996
	Rent	22 000	
	Telephone	2 000	
	Vehicle (travelling)	3 000	
	Owner's salary	28 000	
	Wages	20 000	
	Water and electricity	3 000	
	Interest	2 796	
	Advertising	400	
	Bank charges	300	
	Accounting fee	1 000	
	Insurance	1 000	
	Licence	250	
	Legal costs	250	
	Depreciation	2 000	
	= Net Profit before (income) tax		94 004
LESS	(Income) Tax (50%)		47 002
	+ Net profit after (income) tax		47 002 **

* No stock as this is the first trading period Income Statement presented for the business

**	Breakeven point of turnover:	Total expenses	=	R 85 996	R 180 000 x	100
		Gross Profit %		72% or 0.72	R 250 000	1
			=	R 119 439		

NB: the cost of sales calculation for a manufacturing or service business will differ from the above example. Consult your accountant for advice if required