

Restaurant Start-up Checklist



Business Planning

- ☐ Create a business plan
- ☐ Choose a business structure
- ☐ Plan your menu
- ☐ Find required business permits & licences

Location & Zoning

- ☐ Confirm municipal zoning restrictions
- ☐ Consider required renovations
- ☐ Review your lease

Register Your Business

- ☐ Review existing trademarks
- ☐ Apply for a business name
- ☐ Register your business

Permits & Licences - Health Operating Permit

- ☐ Obtain FOODSAFE Certification
- ☐ Submit a Health Operating Permit Application
- ☐ Submit floor plans or construction plans
- ☐ Complete health inspections

Permits & Licences - Municipal Permits & Licences

- ☐ Apply for a business licence
- ☐ Obtain building permits for renovations
- ☐ Obtain required business permits
- ☐ Complete inspections

Permits & Licences - Liquor Licence

- ☐ Submit a Liquor Licence Application
- ☐ Complete educational interview and establishment inspections
- ☐ Obtain "Serving it Right" Certifications

Permits & Licences - Music & Entertainment Licences

- ☐ Obtain SOCAN and Re:Sound Licences

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