

This start-up checklist is to be used as a general guide and may not reflect specifics to your project or municipality as most restaurant start-ups have over 500 tasks to complete!

Due to the tremendous job scope in addition to the required planning, organization, and communication skills required to start a successful restaurant - we highly recommend working with a team of professionals to save time & financial resources.

Here are some of the more critical tasks to consider out of the list of 500 unique tasks:

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

- Complete Your Feasibility Study
- ☐ Develop Your Concept & Brand Plan
- □ Develop and Test a Layout/Drawing
- ☐ Complete a Strategic Business Plan
- ☐ Complete a Marketing & Tech Stack Plan
- ☐ Complete Site & Leasing Analysis
- Complete a Commercial Inspection
- ☐ Finalize Your Start-Up Budget
- Analyze & Secure Required Funding
- Business Name + Corporate Filing
- ☐ Setup Required Bank Accounts
- ☐ Setup Tax and Payroll Accounts





YOUR SUPPORTING CAST

- ☐ Secure Accountant/Bookkeeper
- Secure Business Insurance Broker
- Secure Business & Liquor License Lawyer
- Secure Real Estate Agent / Broker
- □ Secure Restaurant & Bar Consultant
- □ Secure Brand & Marketing Agency
- □ Secure Project Engineer
- □ Secure Interior / Permit Designer
- Secure General Contractor & Trades
- □ Consider Working w/ a Mentor / Coach

SITE DEVELOPMENT

- Secure Property of Choice
- ☐ Sign Commercial Lease w/ Agent
- ☐ Submit Drawings to Municipality
- Start & Manage Project Renovations
- □ Submit Liquor License Requirements
- Submit Health Dept. Requirements
- ☐ Set a SMART Opening Date Proposal
- ☐ Setup and Place Deposits for Utilities
- Develop Seating Strategy for Layout
- □ Source Kitchen & Bar Equipment
- □ Source Exhaust Hood Supplier
- □ Source Millworker & Speciality Supply
- □ Source Furniture Supplier (if needed)





SITE DEVELOPMENT

- Source Interior & Exterior Signage Co.
- Source Pest Control & Fire Safety
- Source Grease Trap Cleaning
- Source Used Oil Pickup / Recycling
- Source Janitorial Duties & Suppliers
- Source Exhaust Hood Cleaning
- □ Follow-Up Inspections & Occupancy

OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

- Complete a Kitchen Workflow Plan
- Complete Bar & Take-Out Workflow
- Complete Service Sequence Analysis
- Complete Delivery Service Setup
- □ Source Food & Beverage Suppliers

OPERATIONS DEVELOPMENT

- Source Small-Wares Suppliers
- Source Take-Out Container Suppliers
- ☐ Secure Telecommunication Suppliers
- ☐ Secure Security, Sound, & Video
- Apply for any Music Licenses
- □ Secure Point-of-Sale & Tech Systems
- □ Develop FOH & BOH Checklists
- Develop Recipe Books for Kitchen & Bar
- ☐ Develop Food & Beverage Inventory
- ☐ Develop F&B Pricing & Cost Outs
- □ Develop Daily Opening/Closing Lists
- □ Prepare Daily Emergency Contacts
- ☐ Setup Vendor Delivery & Payment Schedule





BRAND DEVELOPMENT

- Develop Your Core Statements
- ☐ Complete F&B Concept Stage
- □ Complete F&B Testing Stage
- Complete F&B Presentation Stage
- Develop Graphic Design / Branding Kit
- □ Source Menu Cover Supplier (dine-in)
- ☐ Design & Print Needed Menus
- Develop Website & Social Media Acct.
- Develop & Complete Photo Shoot
- Develop a Promo Video Strategy
- □ Develop 'Coming/Opening Soon' Plan
- Develop Launch Media Strategy
- □ Plan For and Execute a Soft Opening

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

- Develop Staff Hiring Strategy
- Develop HR & Compliance Forms
- ☐ Develop On-Boarding Manuals
- Develop Staff Training Programs
- Source Staff Uniform Suppliers
- ☐ Setup Job Advertisements
- Promote Job Fair or Interview Dates
- □ Setup and Hold Interviews
- ☐ Hold a Staff Orientation Night
- ☐ Hold a Staff Building Exercise Shift
- Execute Staff Training Programs
- ☐ Create Brand Ambassador Program





TIMELINE: 6-8+ MONTHS

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