



Everything you need to run a full-service restaurant in Australia

From food inventory to point-of-sale solutions, here are all of the items you'll likely need to run a full-service restaurant.

This checklist is for educational purposes and does not constitute legal, financial or tax advice. For specific advice applicable to your business, please contact a professional.

☐ Office

- ☐ Wi-Fi
- ☐ Computer/tablet
- ☐ Stationery (pens, notebooks, staplers, paperclips) and office supplies
- ☐ Business transaction and savings accounts
- ☐ Desk and chair
- ☐ Smartphone
- ☐ Printer
- ☐ Payroll and rostering software
- ☐ Lunchroom
- ☐ Staff lockers or bag area
- ☐ Filing cabinet
- ☐ Safe
- ☐ Licences and permits (for ABN, GST, business name, liquor, food business, etc)

Kitchen operations

☐ Food preparation

- ☐ Oven/range/microwave
- ☐ Ventilation system
- ☐ Prep counters and chopping boards
- ☐ Freezers and refrigeration
- ☐ Cooking equipment (pots, pans, utensils, bowls)
- ☐ Food processors/slicers/mandolin
- ☐ Mixers
- ☐ Ice machine/maker
- ☐ Grill/griddles
- ☐ Fryers
- ☐ Toaster
- ☐ Scales and timers
- ☐ Thermometers
- ☐ Food wraps, paper, and foil
- ☐ Personal protective equipment (aprons, gloves, hairnets)
- ☐ Towels/ cloths
- ☐ Labeling system (day dots, rotation labels)
- ☐ Ladles, tongs, whisks, spatulas etc

☐ Other equipment

- ☐ Safety tools (first aid kit, fire prevention equipment)
- ☐ Storage space, shelving, and containers
- ☐ Sinks and washing equipment
- ☐ Waste bins (General waste, food waste, recycling)
- ☐ Dishwasher
- ☐ Coffee machine
- ☐ Steam table
- ☐ Takeaway supplies (containers, labels, cutlery, bags)
- ☐ Cleaning and sanitising products
- ☐ Cleaning equipment (mop, bucket, vacuum)
- ☐ Floor mats
- ☐ Docket printers
- ☐ Health and safety signage (wash hands, exit signs)

☐ Dining room operations

- ☐ Tableware (dishes, bowls, glasses, cutlery, linens)
- ☐ Tables and seating
- ☐ Highchairs
- ☐ Menus/printed QR codes
- ☐ Display cabinets and shelves (food, cutlery, napkins, condiments)
- ☐ Outdoor furniture for street-side/ alfresco dining areas
- ☐ Staff uniforms
- ☐ Bar set up (seating, storage, standard bar equipment)
- ☐ Coat rack and umbrella stand

☐ Point of Sale (POS)

- ☐ Point of Sale (POS) software
- ☐ Point of Sale (POS) hardware
- ☐ Kitchen Display System (KDS)
- ☐ Cash drawer
- ☐ Receipt printers
- ☐ Kiosk for self-service ordering

☐ Ambience

- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Signage
- ☐ Plants
- ☐ Artwork/mirrors
- ☐ Soft furnishings (rugs, curtains, pillows)
- ☐ Candles and table ornaments
- ☐ Sound system/speakers

☐ Marketing materials

- ☐ Business cards
- ☐ Stickers, badges, pens, and other small giveaways
- ☐ Branded merch, including t-shirts, tote bags, and hats
- ☐ Retail items (coffee beans, house-made condiments, tea, cookbooks)