

Staff Uniform In A Restaurant – How Much Will It Cost

Running any business is about managing the cashflow and making a profit. This has not been an easy task the restaurant business in the last few years due to covid. So you have decided to enter the catering business but how much will it cost to clothe your staff for your restaurant business ?

If it is a simple sit down restaurant you need to work out how many staff you need to keep the customers happy. These guidelines are pre covid so they may need to be tweaked a little.

How many seats should you have?

There is no concrete answer, but the industry standard is 60% of your restaurant's space should be dining, while 40% is the kitchen, preparation, and storage areas.

General Seating Guidelines

- **Fine Dining:** 18-20 square feet
- **Full-Service Restaurant:** 12-15 square feet
- **Counter Service:** 18-20 square feet
- **Fast Food and Quick Service Restaurants:** 11-14 square feet(2)

Staff Needed To Run A Restaurant

- Front of the house (FOH – Service/Servers) – 1 staff member, per shift for every 5–6 tables.
- Back of the house (BOH – Kitchen/Cook staff) – 4 staff members for 50–60 cover restaurants, per shift.(1)
- Supporting Staff (admin, accountant, HR) – 1–2 staff members, (cashier staff and cleaners) – 1 & 2 respectively per shift.

If your a startup then you might just be fulfilling the roles of manager and maybe cleaner.

Of course this also depends on what services you will be opening up for and on how many days a week you are open.

Ideal Restaurant Staff Members

1. Manager
2. Chef or Cook
3. Dishwasher (if required)
4. Serving staff
5. Cleaners
6. Administration

How Much Will Restaurant Uniforms Cost for a 50 to 60 Seater Restaurant

So ideally you need to provide uniforms 15 people, 10 waiters/waitresses, 4 cooks and 1 cleaner/potwasher.

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CHEFS UNIFORMS

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BLACK CHEF JACKET £11.75	WHITE CHEF JACKET £11.75	VALUE CHEF TROUSERS £12.00	CHEFS SAFETY CLOGS £20.75
			

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Restaurant Uniform Costs For Cooks/Chefs

Portwest Cumbria White Chefs Jacket at £11.45 (short sleeved)
Portwest Suffolk White Chefs Jacket £11.45 (C833) (long sleeve)

Ideally each cook needs 2 chef whites so thats 8 in total but because you have ordered more than 6 the price comes down to £10.45 A total of £83.60

Dennys Best Value Chef Trousers (C075) £12.00

The cost drops to £11.00 for ordering above 6, so $8 \times £11.00 = £88.00$

CHEFS SHOES

Providing safety shoes for your staff is a must and also save you from any potential claims against you.

Portwest Steelite Safety steel toe cap Crocs (clogs) (FW82) £20.75

Giving you a cost of $4 \times £20.75 = £83.00$

Total uniform costs for the 4 chefs comes to £254.60

The reasons why you need chef uniforms.

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WAITER UNIFORMS

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MENS BAR SHIRT £14.50	LADIES BAR SHIRT £13.50	WAIST APRON /POCKETS £9.65	COLOURED APRONS £5.45
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Uniform Costs For Waiting Staff

Of course it depends on what style you want to portray, if you go traditional waiters attire (waistcoat) it can be quite expensive. So let's look at the budget options for waiters uniforms.

Bargear Mens Short Sleeved Bar Shirts (KK120) £14.50

Bargear Ladies Short Sleeve Bar Shirt (KK735) £13.50

Lets split the waiters/ waitresses 50/50 male /female and 2 shirts per employee.

Cost of the mens waiter uniforms for 5 people when the multi buy discount is applied. $10 \times £13.50 = £135.00$

Cost of the waitresses aprons after discount is $10 \times £12.50 = £125.00$

Then to keep the appearance of the uniform matching waist aprons. Ideally you need 12 aprons, 2 spare.

Dennys Waist Apron With Pocket (DP52) (black) £9.65
12 waist aprons after discount = £106.80

Total cost for the waiting staff uniforms is £366.80

The advertisement features a red banner at the top with the text "BEST SELLERS" repeated four times. Below the banner, the text "BACK HOUSE UNIFORMS" is prominently displayed in white, followed by "UNIFORMS FOR THE RESTAURANTS" in a smaller font. Four product images are shown in a row, each with a caption and price:

- WATERPROOF APRON** £9.50: A man wearing a blue apron over a dark blue shirt.
- COLOURED BIB APRON** £6.80: A woman wearing a pink apron over a white shirt.
- WRAP AROUND TUNIC** £7.25: A woman wearing a grey wrap-around tunic over a pink shirt, standing against a white brick wall.
- WAX LOOK APRONS** £10.70: A man wearing a dark blue wax-look apron over a purple plaid shirt, standing in a rustic setting with bread and flour.

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Uniform For Cleaner / Pot-washer

POT WASHER UNIFORM

Denny's PVC Heavy Duty Waterproof Apron (DP16) £9.50
Premier Wrap Around Tunic (PR177) £7.25

Total cost for cleaner pot washer = £16.75

Total Cost For Providing Resteraunt Uniforms

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£638.15

So you can provide uniforms for your staff for a 50 seater restaurant for under £650