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## **ENTREPRENEUR IN 10 STEPS**

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As you probably know, there is a huge staff shortage in the hospitality industry (KHN, 2017), and this is an opportunity you should not miss as a professional or novice chef. You could enter permanent employment at one of the approximately 47 000 food and hospitality establishments in the Netherlands. Or you could support the food and hospitality industry by freelancing at several companies, both at home and abroad. Of course, you will be expected to be flexible, and in return you will receive a relatively high wage.

This whitepaper is designed to help you take your first steps as a freelance chef. To make it easy for you, we have created the following 10-step checklist.

**1. Chamber of Commerce and Tax Office**

**Costs: once-off € 75 + € 8.95**

You need to register with the Chamber of Commerce. Think of a catchy business name prior to your visit to the Chamber of Commerce. Most chefs register as sole proprietors or general partnerships. When registering, make sure you buy a certified extract (€8.95). You will need this extract when applying for a bank account. Also make sure to apply for a VAT number. After about 5 to 9 days, you will receive a VAT number from the Tax Office.

Want more information about the Tax Office or entrepreneurship? You can find many answers on

Ondernemersplein and the Tax Office website:

[www.belastingdienst.nl/starters](http://www.belastingdienst.nl/starters)

[www.ondernemersplein.nl](http://www.ondernemersplein.nl) (or [www.business.gov.nl](http://www.business.gov.nl) for information in English)

**2. Operations & Setting up your administration**

**Costs: from € 12.50 per month**

Whether or not you use the services of a bookkeeper/accountant, we recommend that you purchase an online invoicing or administration package. This way, you will be sure that your invoices meet all tax requirements. It will take a huge burden off your shoulders and save you from having to struggle with Excel or Word!

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**3. Business bank account**

**Costs: from €36 per year**

You should keep your business income and expenses separate from your personal accounts. This is why you should open a business bank account. It is advisable to research the differences between banks. For example, through ZZP Daily.

#### **4. Insurance & Pension**

##### **Costs: from ± € 85 per month**

We recommend taking out several insurance policies. 1. Business liability insurance and 2. Occupational disability insurance or join a so-called Broodfonds (bread fund). It is also wise to think about your pension and legal assistance.

#### **5. Signing up with Chefs4Chefs**

##### **Costs: Free**

As a freelance chef, you work for multiple clients. As market leader, Chefs4Chefs strives for the highest quality.

You can send your application (incl. CV) to:  
[www.chefs4chefs.nl/aanmelden](http://www.chefs4chefs.nl/aanmelden)

#### **6. Conclusion of the framework agreement**

With Chefs4Chefs, you enter into a tailor-made framework agreement. Chefs4Chefs provides you with this framework agreement in ready-to-use format.

#### **7. Looking for your own clients**

The tax authorities impose requirements on your business: for example, you must have multiple clients. This could be through direct relationships with restaurants or through companies such as Chefs4Chefs.

#### **8. Announcement & Sharing**

It is important to let the world know that you have become an entrepreneur. Post your announcement on social media. For example, mention which clients (Chefs4Chefs, etc.) you will be working for. It is also important to mention your qualities. For example: 'can lead well' or 'dedicated and independent'.

#### **9. Start working!**

Congratulations, if you have completed all the steps, you can call yourself a real entrepreneur & freelance chef. Have fun and above all, don't let one hour of administration a week stop you. Have fun and work with passion.

#### **10. Business scan**

##### **Costs: Free through Chefs4Chefs**

Once you have registered with Chefs4Chefs, we offer you a regular business scan. In an interview, we will check with you whether you (still) meet all the requirements. All costs incurred for the benefit of your business are tax deductible..

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**For around €100 a month, you can operate as a freelance chef!**

Chefs4Chefs is here to help you become an entrepreneur. Once you have started your business, we will be there to help you. With a wide range of services for various clients, there is always plenty of work. For you too!!

Register now through:  
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