Restaurant Deductions Checklist

Ten checks before your restaurant year end

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Work through these ten before your consultation. Items one to four are the costs most often left unclaimed, simply because nobody recorded them as expenses.

- [ ] 1 **Delivery platform statements**
  Gross sales against commissions deducted.
- [ ] 2 **Merchant service fees**
  Processor statements for the full year.
- [ ] 3 **Loyalty and comp costs**
  Recorded as promotion, not lost revenue.
- [ ] 4 **Supplier rebates**
  Reducing inventory cost, not booked as income.
- [ ] 5 **Inventory counts**
  Opening and closing, with spoilage logged.
- [ ] 6 **Meal accounts split**
  Staff, client and owner coded separately.
- [ ] 7 **Equipment invoices**
  Class 8 or immediate expensing, decided now.
- [ ] 8 **Leasehold work**
  Repairs against improvements, with invoices.
- [ ] 9 **Family wages**
  Role description and market-rate comparison.
- [ ] 10 **Six years of receipts**
  Behind every claim, retrievable on request.

PRO TIP

An asset must be in use by year end, not merely ordered, to be expensed.
That distinction has cost clients a full year of deduction on equipment already paid for.

What happens next

1 Costs reviewed

2 Fixed fee quoted

3 Return filed

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