

# How to Start a Food Truck (Checklist)

#### 1. Conduct market research.

- a. Survey potential customers.
- b. Study your competitors. □

#### 2. Name your business.

- a. Research the names of existing food trucks and eateries.
- b. Use a name generator.
- c. Purchase the domain name.
- d. Register your name. D

## 3. Gather all the information required to start your food truck. $\square$

- a. Prepare an overview of your business plan.
- b. Write a business plan. □

# 4. Find a good location.

- a. Research potential areas.
- b. Find out where you can park.

# 5. Form a legal entity.

- a. Choose a legal structure.
- b. Determine registration requirements.
- c. Obtain an Employer Identification Number. □

# 6. Secure funding and purchase equipment. $\hfill\square$

- a. Weigh up your financing options.
- b. Use your own money. 🛛
- c. Apply for an SBA loan. □
- d. Get a loan from the bank.
- e. Sell equity.
- f. Get money from friends and family.  $\square$
- g. Get a business credit card.
- h. Create a crowdfunding campaign.
- i. Purchase the equipment.



#### 7. Take care of legal requirements.

- a. Apply for licensing and permits.
- b. Purchase insurance.

#### 8. Staff your food truck.

- a. Advertise positions.
- b. Train workers.

### 9. Market your business. 🛛

- a. Create a website or blog.
- b. Create social media accounts.
- c. Develop business relationships. □

