



AUTUMN BUDGET 2017: 12 Things you need to know (and key catering implications for Facilities Managers)

See www.gov.uk/government/news/autumn-budget-2017-25-things-you-need-to-know for article.

The Chancellor yesterday presented his Budget to Parliament – here's a summary of what was announced with 12 key caterer considerations (worth thinking about) so you/your catering team are better prepared for forecasting for the year ahead.



The budget may seem daunting to some but it really isn't; here are some implications worth preparing for (it may mean cost savings for you in the next year):

1. **There are over 32 million people in work – near a record high** Inflation is forecast to peak at 3% in the later this year but drop to 2% over the next year.
2. **An extra £3 billion to prepare for Brexit** over the next two years.
3. **The National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage will increase from April 2018** The National Living Wage for those aged 25 and over will increase from £7.50 per hour to £7.83 per hour from April 2018. Over 2 million people are expected to benefit. For a full-time worker, it represents a pay rise of over £600 a year:
21-24 yr olds | 18-20 yr olds | 16 & 17 yr olds | Apprentices
£7.38 p/hour | £5.90 p/hour | £4.20 p/hour | £3.70 p/hour

4. **The tax-free personal allowance** will rise with inflation to £11,850 from April 2018.
5. **Fuel duty** will remain frozen for an eighth year.
6. **A new railcard for those aged 26 to 30** (from spring 2018).
7. **Duty on beer, wine, cider and spirits will be frozen** The cost of a pint of beer or cider will be 1p lower than if duty had risen by inflation. The cost of a bottle of wine will be 6p cheaper. Cheap, high-strength cider will be subject to a new band of duty.
8. **Duty on tobacco will rise.**
9. **Electric and driverless cars** An extra £100 million will go to helping people buy battery electric cars.
10. **£64 million for construction & digital training courses.** £30 million will go towards digital courses using AI. The government, and associated bodies will decide on other areas of the economy where new skills and training courses are needed.
11. **A £220 million Clean Air Fund for local areas with the highest air pollution** Local authorities will be able to use this money to help people adapt as steps are taken to reduce air pollution.
12. **Reducing single-use plastics waste** The government will seek views on reducing single-use plastics waste through the tax system and charges. *Disposable plastics like coffee cups & polystyrene takeaway boxes damage our environment.*

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