

## Step 15 · Boundaries

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### **Should I take the risk and open a coffee business?**

Only after you can explain both the opportunity and the downside. Enjoying coffee, having savings, and hearing encouragement do not establish that a business will work. Check paid demand, the complete owner workload, startup and ongoing costs, and what you could lose if it closes. Test a smaller commitment where practical. If essential evidence is missing or the potential loss would undermine your household, pause or change the plan before signing or spending.

Have major financial commitments and contracts reviewed by appropriate local professionals.

#### **How do I decide whether an existing café is worth buying?**

Check whether the deal works with verified current results before relying on improvements you hope to make. Include the cost of replacing the owner's unpaid work, repairs, and the cash needed after purchase. Confirm exactly what is included and why the seller is leaving. Have an independent accountant and lawyer review the records and agreement, with qualified equipment and premises checks. Set a walk-away condition for missing evidence or obligations you cannot carry.

#### **How can I tell whether my café budget is realistic?**

Have both the figures and the operating assumptions challenged. Use current quotes for the actual equipment, premises, and work, and check ongoing costs as well as opening purchases. An accountant can review cash assumptions; an experienced operator can question staffing, repairs, workflow, and achievable sales. The people expected to run the café should understand and want the job. A tidy spreadsheet does not establish demand, and guessed equipment allowances can hide expensive gaps.

Choose professionals familiar with your jurisdiction and the specific commitments being considered.

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Educational guidance. Check your own circumstances with the appropriate local professional.