

**WORKING TO BE A****Host or Hostess****What type of education is needed to be a host or hostess?**

- High school diploma or equivalent is preferred
- Most of the job can be learned through on the job training

**What licenses or certifications are needed to be a host or hostess?**

- None required

**What is the work environment like for a host or hostess?**

- Indoors, the kitchen area may be very warm
- Can be hazardous from grease and spills but using the correct safety precautions can reduce chances of accidents
- Requires long periods of standing, bending, and lifting
- May be full time or part time

**What does a host or hostess do?**

- Greet guests and seats them at appropriate table
- Hands out menus
- Takes reservations
- Inspects tables for neatness and cleanliness
- Gets napkins and silverware for tables
- May coordinate the work of the dining room staff to make sure everything is running smoothly
- May deal with customer complaints
- Prepares for special parties or special service when needed
- May act as a cashier

**What is the normal pay range for a host or hostess?**

- \$5.63—\$9.89 per hour

**How can a host or hostess grow in their field?**

- Can become a supervisor
- Through training and experience, can move into a related career in food service such as a chef or restaurant manager

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