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Restaurants forced to give all tips to staff – 4th October, 2018

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UK restaurants must soon give all tips to staff. It will be illegal for restaurants to keep tips. Many restaurants keep the tips customers put in tip jars. Some restaurants use the tips to pay workers. Restaurant workers are very low paid. They need the tips to survive. Over two million people in the UK work in restaurants.

Many staff are happy with the new law. They are fed up with chain restaurants keeping their tips. Workers went on strike earlier this year because of low pay. The new law will make sure restaurant workers are treated fairly and keep all of their tips. Restaurants say a new law is unnecessary because working conditions are fair.

Level 1

UK restaurants will soon have to give all tips to their staff. It will be illegal for restaurants to keep tips. Many restaurants keep the tips customers add to their credit card payments or put in tip jars. Some restaurants use tips to pay workers. People are angry about this. Restaurant workers are very low paid. Many need the tips to survive. Over 150,000 hotels, bars and restaurants employ about two million people in the UK.

Many waiting staff are happy with the new law. They are fed up with chain restaurants keeping their tips. Restaurants often use tips to help pay chefs and kitchen staff. Workers went on strike earlier this year because of low pay. The new law will make sure restaurant workers are treated fairly. Workers will get to keep all of their tips. Restaurants say a new law is unnecessary because their industry makes sure working conditions are fair.

Level 2

UK restaurants will soon have to give all tips to their staff. There are new plans to make it illegal for restaurants to keep tips given by customers. Many restaurants keep most of the tips customers add to their credit card payments or put in tip jars. Some restaurants use tips to pay workers. Many people in England are angry about this. Restaurant workers are some of the lowest paid staff in Britain. Many of them rely on tips to survive. The food and drink industry in the UK is huge. Over 150,000 hotels, bars and restaurants employ about two million people.

Many waiting staff are happy with the new law. They are fed up with international chain restaurants keeping the money from tips. The staff said restaurant managers often use the tips to help pay chefs and kitchen staff. Workers at one restaurant chain went on strike earlier this year because of low pay. The new law would make sure restaurant workers are treated fairly. It will make sure that workers get to keep all of their tips. The restaurant industry said a new law was unnecessary because the industry makes sure working conditions are fair.

Level 3

Restaurants in the UK will soon have to give all tips to their staff. The UK Prime Minister Theresa May announced new plans that will make it illegal for restaurants to keep the tips given by customers. For decades, many restaurants have kept most of the tips customers add to their credit card payments or the money customers put in tip jars. Some restaurants use the tips as part of a worker's pay. Many people in England are angry about this. Restaurant workers are among the lowest paid staff in Britain and many of them rely on tips to survive. The food and drink industry in the UK is huge. There are over 150,000 hotels, bars and restaurants in the UK. These employ about two million people.

Many waiting staff in the UK are happy that the new law is coming in. They said they were fed up with international chain restaurants keeping the money that was meant for waiters. The staff also said restaurant managers often used the tips to help pay for the chefs and kitchen staff. Workers at the TGI Fridays restaurant chain went on strike earlier this year because of low pay. Prime Minister May said the new law would make sure restaurant workers are treated fairly. She said: "That's why we will introduce tough new legislation to ensure that workers get to keep all of their tips." A spokeswoman for the restaurant industry said a new law was unnecessary because the industry makes sure working conditions are fair.