

Opening a Launderette?

Self service launderettes are listed as the **no.1 business** for passive income

So you're looking to open a new launderette business?

MAG Laundry Equipment has the experience and time to help you every step of the way. Our friendly team of **experts** can guide you towards running a **successful** laundry business in the UK (or abroad), ask away as there are no silly questions!



Advanced Technology

Modern, **energy-efficient** machines with coin and cashless payment options



Reliable Support

Trusted brand with **24/7 support** from MAG



Proven Profitability

Proven, award-winning **success** with steady demand and high profit potential



10 Frequently Asked Questions

Any Questions? We Have The Answers

Helping to turn dreams into reality! We understand every client is unique and we are happy to accommodate special requests. Whether you're starting your first laundry shop or expanding an existing business—budget or luxury—you're in safe hands.

How much does it cost?

The cost to open up a new launderette business varies depending on the number of machines you are planning to purchase.

With options available from £15,000 to £150,000, let us know your preferred budget. Whether this is a lump-sum or a monthly amount, we can tailor a quote accordingly.

Coin operated or contactless payments?

We usually recommend two main options, one is for coin operated machines, and the other is for card operation via a cashless system.

Our modern machines can provide all options, including any combination of card, cash or tokens, or a central payment system to meet your preferences. Both options can be very successful and it is a matter of personal preference.

What other costs do I need to consider?

Rent, business rates to your local council, and energy costs for water, gas, and electricity are often the main operating expenses for launderette owners.

MAG's energy-efficient machines can cut running costs by up to 60% compared to some competitors, saving you money through significantly lower energy consumption!

Which is better, gas or electricity?

Our washing machines can run on either a 1-phase or 3-phase electrical supply, with most launderettes operating boiler fed appliances. Tumble dryers operate on gas or electricity, depending on your property's available services. Gas-heated equipment is usually cheaper to run than electric.

MAG's energy-efficient machines are among the most efficient on the market, helping lower running costs and boost profits.

What is involved with the installation?

Installing a launderette isn't just about connecting machines to electric, gas, and plumbing. Other key factors include the commercial boiler, ducting, vents, make-up air ventilation, electrical cabling, pipework, and drainage.

While this may seem complex, we handle it daily and can simplify the process for you. We recommend a visit from our expert planners to assess your site, explain requirements, and answer any questions.

Can I lease the machines?

All our products are available with a lease purchase option, payable over 2 to 5 years. To qualify, our trusted leasing agent will review your financial situation—typically, you or a business partner should be a homeowner or have reasonable savings and financial stability.

Don't worry, we often secure finance for clients even if they've been declined elsewhere! Get in touch to see which options are available.

How much profit does a launderette make?

A launderette can make a very healthy profit and they are considered recession proof by many industry experts, as there will always be a demand for clean laundry. With a high success rate and profit margins usually between 20% to 35%, some launderettes are taking over £10,000 per month in revenue.

Profits will vary based on location, how busy the launderette is and how many machines are being operated. Launderettes can often thrive near student accommodation blocks, flats, apartments and on the high street.

Do you install the machines?

Yes! We provide a nationwide service supported by our engineers across England, Scotland and Wales. Whether you have an empty shell, new building or a site already equipped with water, gas and electricity, we have delivery and install options available:

- Delivery (drop off only)
- Commissioning (safe sign off)
 - Product training
- Connection to existing services
- Full installation and utility upgrades
- Bespoke solutions to meet your requirements

How long does it take to get my launderette up and running?

We stock a wide range of products and have certain machines available for next day delivery, providing that your site is ready to accept the equipment.

Other more specialist equipment may be built to order depending on the type of appliances you require.

Realistically, you should allow time for planning and any utility upgrades that may be required, with some projects taking between 4 to 12 weeks for completion.

If you require machines sooner or have a preferred timescale, please let us know about any deadlines with plenty of notice. Speak with us, we will be honest with you every step of the way about a realistic timescale for opening up your new launderette or laundry business.

What do I need to look for in a potential site?

To open a coin-operated laundrette, you'll need "sui generis" planning permission from your local council, typically straightforward to obtain. A solid concrete floor is recommended to securely install the machines but we offer both high-spin and low-spin equipment to suit different types of flooring.

Three-phase electrics are ideal for efficiency and machine options, though we can advise on single-phase setups too. For gas appliances, a U25-U40 commercial gas meter is usually recommended. A minimum shop size of 400 sq ft ensures enough room for equipment and customer comfort. Reliable mains water, a continuous hot water boiler, and cold water storage are also a requirement.

Note: While we strive to provide accurate and up-to-date information, we accept no responsibility or liability for any advice or information provided

Getting Started. What Happens Next?

Ready For Success? **Take Your First Step**

Got a building and ready to begin? MAG offers a complete technical site **survey** to ensure your space and services are **ideal** for a launderette.

Our professional planning and design package includes:

- Detailed inspection with accurate measurements
- Expert surveyor with over 25 years experience
- Checks on water pressure, drainage, electricity, gas, ventilation, and ducting
- Professional advice on equipment layout and space usage
- CAD design of your launderette (ask us for an example)
- Full installation plans with mechanical & electrical specs
- Safety documents (O&M manuals, RAMS)
- Project management and machine layout for efficiency
- Custom shop design tailored to your vision, including extras like seating, counters, and storage

After the survey, we'll recommend the optimal machine setup based on your property's specifications. Survey costs range from **£600** to **£1,200** and include inspection, drawings, and planning.

Good news! When you purchase your machines from MAG, the cost of the survey is **refunded**, effectively making the design service free. We're here to help make your launderette a **success**.

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