

Meals on Wheels and Community Day Centres: Food safety supervisors & training



New food laws require certain food businesses in the NSW hospitality and retail food service sector to have at least one trained Food Safety Supervisor (FSS).

Businesses have until 1 October 2011 to appoint their trained FSS and notify the relevant council of their FSS.

Only approved RTOs, and in certain circumstances the Authority, can issue a Food Safety Supervisor Certificate.

Businesses affected

The food safety supervisor requirement applies to businesses serving food that is:

- ready to eat
- potentially hazardous, and
- not sold and served in its package

Examples of businesses* include: restaurants, cafes, takeaway shops, caterers, bakeries, pubs, clubs, hotels and supermarket hot food sales.

* Note

that this is not a comprehensive list. Other businesses that serve food that meets the above criteria, and provide accommodation, service or entertainment where there is an inclusive charge which covers the food supplied would also fall under the FSS legislation. For example B & B's, motels, hotels, entertainment venues.

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Exempt businesses

At this stage the food safety supervisor requirement will not apply to businesses [licensed](#) by the Authority. This means that Meals on Wheels and community, aged day care and children's services (e.g. child care services), out of school hours care services are exempt from the Food Safety Supervisor Scheme.

Nor does it apply to:

- coffee vendors that only heat milk
- school canteens (primary or secondary)
- boarding schools
- correctional centres
- supermarkets (if heated food is not sold)
- food business premises that only do one or more of the following activities only:
 - slice fermented meats or smallgoods, or both
 - slice or portion cheese, or both
 - process raw seafood
 - slice or portion fruit or vegetables, or both that is ready-to-eat food

For further information refer to the NSW Food Authority web site;
<http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/industry/fss-food-safety-supervisors/>

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