

Starting or changing a food business

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What are the requirements?

Under Standard 3.2.2 - Food Safety Practices and General Requirements, if you're starting a new food business or changing the business's name, location or activities you must tell your food enforcement agency.

A list of food enforcement agencies is available at www.foodstandards.gov.au/enforcement.

Do I need to notify?

- No matter how big or small your food business is, or if it's home-based, online, mobile, a 'once only' activity, or you are using a permanent or temporary premises, you have to tell authorities about your business.
- Even if you're not a typical food business i.e. a chemist, cinema, petrol station or swimming pools - you need to notify authorities if you sell any food.
- Charities and community organisations generally also need to tell authorities when planning events that involve selling food.

What do they need to know?

- contact details including the business's name, address and owner's name
- business type and size
- foods you make or supply
- details on supplying people at most risk of becoming ill (e.g. children or elderly)
- location of all your food premises in the enforcement agency's area
- for mobile businesses, all sites you work at and/or where you house your van.

How often should I be in touch?

- You generally only need to tell authorities about your business once, as long as the information you gave is still right.
- If there are any changes you must tell the authorities **before** these changes happen.

Need more information?

Safe Food Australia is a guide to the food safety standards in Chapter 3 of the Food Standards Code. Notification is covered under 3.2.2 clause 4.

Copies of the guide, some translated fact sheets and other information is available at www.foodstandards.gov.au/safefood or by emailing information@foodstandards.gov.au.