Changes to the **Food Standards** Code for food businesses

There are new food safety requirements for Australian food service, caterer and related retail businesses from Friday 8 December 2023.



Under Standard 3.2.2A - Food Safety Management Tools, businesses will need to implement 2 or 3 food management tools, depending on their activities:



Have a qualified Food Safety Supervisor to supervise food handlers





Ensure all food handlers are trained in food safety and hygiene, or can demonstrate adequate skills and knowledge





Be able to demonstrate safe food practices or keep records.



Category one

Businesses that process and serve food that is potentially hazardous and ready-to-eat



Examples

Restaurants, takeaways, cafes, mobile food vendors, caterers, bakeries, child care centres and school canteens.

Tools required: (1)(2)







Category two

Businesses that sell potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food they did not make or process themselves (other than only slicing, weighing, repacking, reheating or hot-holding)



Delis, supermarkets, service stations and seafood retailers.

Tools required: (1)(2)





Next Steps

The new requirements apply to most businesses from Friday 8 December 2023. In NSW School canteens, children's services, supermarkets, greengrocers, delis, coffee vendors that sell food, correctional centres and boarding schools have until 8 December 2024 to comply.

Visit foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools or scan the QR code for more information.



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