

# Food-sellers: Deadline for registering coming soon

If you sell food and haven't yet registered for the new Food Act, check if you must do this — a number of types of food business must register by 31 March 2018.

New rules may apply to all types of food businesses, from cafes to coffee carts, food trucks to butchers, food manufacturers to dairies.



## Who needs to register

A law change last year means food safety rules are tailored to individual businesses, rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach.

Under the Food Act 2014, new food businesses must register when they start trading. Existing food businesses (operating under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974) have been registered in stages since the new laws came in, with a different group registering each year.

### Among the group that needs to register by 31 March 2018

- cafes and clubs without an alcohol licence
- bakeries
- caterers
- rest homes
- dairies
- convenience stores
- some food manufacturers, eg makers of fresh pasta, and chilled or frozen meals and desserts.

More business types will need to register by November 2018, including brewers, makers of spreads and preserves, and many other food manufacturers

**TIP**

Don't leave it to the last minute.  
Check now to see if you need to register.

Use this tool to check how the rules apply to you — and your deadline for registering.

[Find out where you fit](#)

## How to register

You'll need to register with either your local council, or with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), depending on:

- whether your business has more complex food safety issues and must have a customised food control plan
- how many sites you have around the country.

## No need to register

While most people or businesses selling food will need to register, the Food Act does allow for some cultural and fundraising activities without registration. Those who don't need to register include people who make food to:

- be served on a marae, eg at a tangi
- be sold at a fundraising event, eg at a club, school or marae — unless fundraisers are held more than 20 times a year
- donate to charities or community organisations.