

Application for the Registration of a Food Business Establishment

(Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, Article 6(2))

This form should be completed by food business operators in respect of new food business establishments and received by the relevant Food Authority 28 days before commencing food operations. On the basis of the activities carried out, certain food business establishments are required to be **approved** rather than **registered**. If you are unsure whether any aspect of your food operations would require your establishment to be approved, please contact Somerset West and Taunton Council for guidance.

1. **Address of establishment** _____
(or address at which moveable establishment is kept) _____ Post code _____

2. **Trading name of food businesses** _____ Telephone No. _____

3. **Full Name of food business operator(s)** _____
(or Limited company where relevant)

4. **Head Office address of food business operator** _____
(where different from address of establishment) _____ Post code _____

Telephone No. _____ E-mail _____

5. **Type of food activity (Please tick ALL the boxes that apply):**

Staff restaurant/canteen/kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital/residential home/school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retailer (including farm shop)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Distribution/warehousing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurant/café/snack bar	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food manufacturing/processing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market/Market stall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Importer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Takeaway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel/pub/guest house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Packer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private house used for a food business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moveable establishment eg ice cream van	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wholesale/cash and carry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary producer - livestock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Broker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary producer - arable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please give details): _____

6. **Please state if your business uses a private water supply (eg. well, spring or borehole)** _____

7. **If this is a new business, the date you intend to open** _____

8. **Opening hours and days** _____

Signature of food business operator _____

Date: _____

Name: _____
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

The completed form should be sent to:

Somerset West and Taunton Council
Environmental Health
PO Box 866
Taunton, TA1 9GS

After this form has been submitted, food business operators must notify any significant change in activities to the activities stated above (including closure) to the Food Authority and should do so within 28 days of the change(s) happening.

NOTES ON REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

What is registration?

- 1 Registration of premises used for a food business (including market stalls, delivery vehicles and other moveable structures) is required by law. Registration will allow local authorities to keep an up-to-date list of all those premises in their area so they can visit them when they need to. The frequency of the visits will depend on the type of business.

Who needs to register?

- 2 If you run a food business, you must tell (or arrange for someone else to tell) the local authority about any premises you use for storing, selling, distributing or preparing food. Food premises includes restaurants, hotels, cafes, shops, supermarkets, staff canteens, kitchens in offices, warehouses, guest houses, delivery vehicles, buffet cars on trains, market and other stalls, hot dog and ice cream vans etc.
- 3 If you use vehicles for your food business in connection with permanent premises such as a shop, or warehouse you only need to tell the local authority how many vehicles you have. You do not need to register each vehicle separately. If you have one or more vehicles but no permanent premises, you must tell the authority where they are normally kept.
- 4 Anyone starting a new food business must register with the local authority at least 28 days before doing so.

How do I register?

- 5 By filling in this form. Registration cannot be refused and there is no charge. The registration form must be sent to your local authority. The address can be found in the overleaf. If the form is sent to the wrong address your application will not take effect until it is received at the proper place. If you use premises in more than one local authority area, you must register with each authority separately.

What happens to the information given on the form?

- 6 The local authority will enter the details on the register. A register of addresses and the type of business carried on at each will be open to inspection by the general public. Records of the other information provided will not be publicly available.

Changes

- 7 Once you have registered with the local authority you only need notify them of a change of proprietor, if the nature of the business changes, or if there is a change of the address at which moveable premises are kept. The new proprietor will have to complete an application form.

If the local authority wishes to change the entry in the register because of information which it receives from someone else you will be given 28 days' notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed change.

These notes are provided for information only and should not be regarded as a complete statement of the law.