

Changes to the Food Act - accommodation providers

Changes to the Food Act 2014 apply this year to accommodation providers who serve meals to more than 10 guests. If this sounds like you, you'll need to register under the Food Act before March 2018.

If you just provide breakfast or snacks, or meals to less than 10 people, then you don't need to register. You still need to follow good food safety practice and make safe and suitable food.

If you do need to register it's likely that you'll need to register under a template Food Control Plan (tFCP). MPI's step-by-step guide to getting registered with a [tFCP](#) is a great place to get started.

The new Food Act moves from a one-size-fits all approach to food safety to one that's tailored to individual businesses. The new rules focus on the process of making food safe, rather than the kitchen where food is made. There's also a series of helpful [videos](#) to tell you about the Food Act and how other businesses have found the process.

If you're a business with multiple sites located in different regions you can register as one business with MPI. For others the local council will be the place to register.

Register now with your council and avoid the last minute rush.