



Proposed new Food Safety Information Bylaw 2020

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What we will cover

- how food safety is regulated (Food Act 2014)
- role of Food Safety Bylaw 2013 (display of food grades)
- proposed new Food Safety Information Bylaw 2020
- opportunities for business to give feedback.

Food Safety Regulation

- [Food Act 2014](#) sets rules to ensure the safety and suitability of food for consumption
- Most higher risk food businesses must be:
 - registered by the Ministry for Primary Industries or council
 - verified (or 'checked') as selling safe food

Display of Food Grades

- [Food Safety Bylaw 2013](#) contains only one rule:
 - **Higher-risk food businesses** registered and verified by the council **must display a food grade** (food safety information certificate) at the **‘principal entrance’** to the business
- Applies to most Auckland-only cafés, restaurants, bars and takeaways
- Bylaw expires in May 2020

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- Same rule about who must display, but clearer
- **Higher-risk food businesses** clarified to mean businesses that:
 - operate under a Template Food Control Plan in the Food Act 2014; and
 - serve the public; and
 - are registered and verified by the council
- Still applies to most Auckland-only cafés, restaurants, bars and takeaways

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- At the **'principal entrance'** to the business updated and clarified to include:
 - physical locations at which food is sold directly to the public
 - online locations that the business has control over
 - any other location if directed by council

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➤ **Physical food grade display at:**

- 1) all doors used by the public; or
- 2) windows beside all doors used by the public; or
- 3) main counter; or
- 4) wall behind main counter; or
- 5) any other external surface.

➤ Food grade must be **clearly visible** to the public

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➤ Online food grade display at:

- homepage or similar of online locations that the business has control over

➤ **Includes:** websites, apps, social media or similar mediums that the business controls e.g. a website for a café run by that café owner

➤ **Excludes:** online presence that the food business does not control e.g. Zomato page for a restaurant not managed by that restaurant

Encourage your networks to provide feedback

- Public consultation is open from **2 Dec 2019 to 2 Feb 2020**
- **Feedback options:**
 - complete online feedback form on council website
 - give feedback to staff or the Bylaw Panel at markets around Auckland in Dec 2019 and Jan 2020
- **More information** and the feedback form will be available at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay from 2 Dec 2019

What happens next?

- **All public feedback** will be:
 - considered by a Bylaw Panel at a public meeting in early 2020
 - used to make recommendations on the proposed bylaw to the Governing Body on 19 March 2020
- **Any person is welcome to attend** and listen to the panel and Governing Body proceedings, but there will not be an opportunity to have your say at either meeting

Thank you

If you have any questions or would like more information,

please email us at:

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Questions