

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR FACT SHEET

Am I a mobile food business?

Mobile food businesses use food premises designed to be permanent but movable, including:

- Food vans, trucks, trailers, bicycles, boats, planes, and portable buildings (e.g., shipping containers – note a shipping container will require development approval)
- Vehicles used for on-site food preparation (e.g., hamburgers, hot dogs and kebabs, coffee, juices, popcorn, and fairy floss), and the sale of any type of food including pre-packaged food

Vehicles used only to transport food are not considered to be mobile premises.

What are the requirements for a mobile food business?

All food businesses in South Australia are required to comply with food safety legislation including:

- [Food Act 2001](#)
- [Food Regulations 2017](#)
- Relevant sections of the [Food Standards Code](#); and the
- [Public Health \(Notifiable Contaminants\) Regulations 2020](#).

[Food Standards Australia - Mobile Food Business Fact Sheet](#)

[SA Health Starting a Food Business Information Page](#)

Food Business Notification Form?

Food businesses must, before starting food handling operations, notify the appropriate enforcement agency of their existence by lodging a completed Food Business Notification (FBN) form. In SA, the appropriate enforcement agency is the local council or local authority.

This food business notification form is designed for a single business location. Where a food business sells food from multiple locations a separate form must be completed for each location.

If a food business does not notify the appropriate enforcement agency before starting, penalties and/or expiation fees under Section 86 of the Food Act 2001 may be applied.

[Food Notification Form Link](#)

Can I serve alcohol?

Yes – however a separate application must be made with to the Office of Liquor and Gambling for a licence to serve and this must be included in the Application Form. All conditions of that licence must be complied with.

Do I need a permit to operate in the District Council of Streaky Bay?

Yes, you will require a Permit, to obtain a permit you must complete an Application Form.

[Mobile Food Vendor Application Form](#)

Will my permit be able to be used in another Council area?

No – each Council has their own Policy and Location rules – please check these with the applicable Council.

Do I require a permit on private property?

No – not for private property or other property that is not defined as Local Government Land (check with your local Council if you are unsure).

Do I require a permit if I am part of an organised event?

No – you do not require a permit; all required permissions will be dealt with through the event organisers.

The event organiser may require certain details and requirements in accordance with Council's Event Management Procedures.

How long will it take to get a permit?

You must submit your application at least 7 days before your first required day of operation, as permits will take 3-5 days for approval.

Are any fees applicable?

Yes – Council sets fees annually and these are available on <https://www.streakybay.sa.gov.au/> you will also be advised of any fees at the time of application.

If you wish to get a refund or cancel your application you will need to complete a Request for Fee Waiver form, please contact the Council should you require this.

Do I need insurance?

Yes – you will require a minimum of \$20,000,000 in Public Liability Insurance.

What other requirements are there?

You will need to provide evidence that equipment within your van is certified. You may also be asked to provide a risk assessment.

Can I use Council's power?

If you require electricity, it is preferable that you provide your own source. This should be included on the application form. Should you require Council sourced power, you will be subject to fees and charges and this will be advised as part of your application.

Where can I locate my business to? Do I have exclusive rights?

You will need to check the Policy that is available on Council's website www.streakybay.sa.gov.au for details of permitted locations.

No – you will not have exclusive right, entitlement, or interest in permitted use.

All persons, equipment and activities associated with the permission shall always remain wholly within the defined area.

Can I have animals on site?

No animal is to be kept within any part of the mobile food vending premises.

What if I sell my business or change a part of my business?

You must notify Council if you sell your business and advise of the new owners (the permit is not transferrable). You must also notify Council if you change the type of goods sold or add additional items.

What do I do with all the waste?

It is the applicant's responsibility to supply all bins and other waste disposal units. Bins must be supplied near the food business. All waste must be taken off site and disposed of correctly. Food Businesses are not permitted to put their waste in nearby Street Litter Bins.

Footpath/Road Verge Cleanliness?

The food business must clean all footpaths and services areas, all spills must be cleaned, and the area must be left in the same condition that it was found.

Legislative Requirements

- Local Government Act
- Road Traffic Act
- Food Act / Public Health Act
- Work Health Safety Act
- Environment Protection Act
- Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act