

Requirements for Food Safety Supervisors (FSS) for Class 1, 2 & 3a Food Premises

Changes to the Food standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) from 8th December 2023

Food Safety Supervisors

The new Standard states that an FSS must hold a food safety supervisor certificate that has been issued within the immediately preceding period of five years and that they have the authority and ability to manage and give direction on safe handling of food. All class 1, 2 and 3a premises must have a food safety supervisor

In Victoria, the FSS requirement will have an implementation lead-in time of five years. This means that by 8 December 2028, all FSSs must have a food safety supervisor certificate issued no earlier than 8 December 2023 and must renew their certification every five years from their certification date.

The Food Act requires a person to be nominated as the FSS, however, this does not prevent a business from nominating more than one person.

All food safety supervisors must meet the minimum competency standards listed in the table below.

Food sector	Minimum competency standard
Hospitality Businesses	SITXFSA001 'Use hygienic practices for food safety' (Release 1) 2016 AND SITXFSA002 'Participate in safe food handling practices' (Release 1) 2016 OR Use unit from the 'Retail' section above
Health Businesses such as hospitals.	HLTFSE001 'Follow basic food safety practices' (Release 1) AND HLTFSE005 'Apply and monitor food safety requirements' (Release 1) AND HLTFSE007 'Oversee the day-to-day implementation of food safety in the workplace' (Release 1) 201
Community Services Businesses	Use all three units from the 'Health' section above.
Transport and distribution Businesses	Use the training from a food sector that best describes the warehouse's purpose. For example, choose 'Hospitality' if your warehouse supplies businesses such as restaurants, cafes and hotels.
Food processing Businesses	FBPFSY2002 'Apply food safety procedures'
Retail Businesses food businesses	SIRRFSA001 'Handle food safety in a retail environment' OR Use both units from the 'Hospitality' section Above

Requirement for Major supermarket

Nominating the regional state safety manager as the FSS does not meet the requirements under the Food Act section 19G (c).

Section 19G(c) states that the FSS: "has the ability and the authority to supervise other people handling food at, or from, the premises and to ensure that handling is done safely."

Both current store manager and regional state safety manager details must be provided to council. This will ensure a continuity of communication if the store manager is on leave.

Further information

Further information can be found on the Department of Health website. Please see link below:

Introducing Standard 3.2.2A: Food safety management tools | health.vic.gov.au

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