



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	This is a license which a person, partnership, or corporation must obtain before they are allowed to operate a retail food service establishment, including restaurants, commercial caterers, food trucks, and retail bakeries.		
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	All food service establishments that cater to the public by means of advertising and operate for more than one day in any one-month. This includes home catering and commercial catering, as well as fair stands and bakeries that bake for direct retail sales only.		
INFORMATION REQUIRED	The application requests information about the licensee, the type and capacity of the facility being licensed, type of water and sewage systems serving the facility, proposed opening date and public building permit status and the applicant's status with the Tax Department.		
WEB ADDRESS	http://www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/food-lodging/retail-food-licensing Application for License to Operate a Food and Lodging Establishment		
FEES	Restaurant I	Seating Capacity of 0–25	-- \$105.00
	Restaurant II	Seating Capacity of 26–50	-- \$180.00
	Restaurant III	Seating Capacity of 51–100	-- \$300.00
	Restaurant IV	Seating Capacity of 101–200	-- \$385.00
	Restaurant V	Seating Capacity of 201–599	-- \$450.00
	Restaurant VI	Seating Capacity of 600 or more	--\$1000.00
	Home Caterer		-- \$155.00
	Commercial Caterer		-- \$260.00
	Limited Operations		-- \$140.00
	Fair Stand	Single event 4 days or less	-- \$125.00
	Fair Stand	Calendar Year	-- \$230.00
	Seafood Vendor		-- \$200.00
	Home Bakery		-- \$100.00
	Small Commercial Bakery		-- \$200.00
	Large Commercial Bakery		-- \$350.00
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	30 days		

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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[Map of Public Health Inspectors](#)

AUTHORITY

[18 VSA Chapter 85](#)

**APPLICABLE
RULES**

[Vermont Health Regulations, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2, "Food Service Establishment"](#)

**APPEAL
PROCESS**

The Commissioner of Health issues licenses. A decision of the Commissioner may be appealed to the Board of Health under 18 VSA § 4351(e).

**OTHER
PERMITS
& APPROVALS**

- Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply (See [Sheet 1](#))
- Fire Safety Division ([Sheet 49](#));
- VT Department of Taxes ([Sheet 93](#))
- Asbestos Program ([Sheet 54](#))
- Drinking water testing <http://www.healthvermont.gov/lab>
- Meat and dairy: <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/>
- Liquor License ([Sheet #90](#))
- License to sell beer and wine
(First class license must be obtained from the town)
- Business registration ([Sheet 90.1](#))
- Act 250 ([Sheet #47](#))
- Your Town Office for local permits or regulations