



Food and drink businesses

So you're thinking about opening a food and drink business in the City of Sydney? Here's what you need to do:

If you're taking over an existing food business, such as a restaurant or café, and have no plans to alter it you may not need to go through a development application process.

If you're setting up a brand new business, changing opening times and signs, or renovating the building, then you will need approval from the City of Sydney.

You may also need approvals from organisations such as the NSW Food Authority, Gaming & Liquor NSW and Sydney Water.

Before you sign a lease, contact our planning staff on 02 9265 9333 to discuss any approvals you may need.

When you are ready to get started, you will need just one application form: 'Application for Development – Food and Drink Premises'. The form covers restaurants, cafes, takeaways, pubs, clubs and small bars. More information and the form is at cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/development

This cheat sheet does not provide legal or commercial advice. General advice may not apply to your situation. If you want to open a business, make sure you get expert legal, accounting and planning advice so you can make an informed decision.

