



**KAIKŌURA**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# **FOOD TRUCK/MOBILE SHOPS INFORMATION**



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## MPI requirements for Mobile Shops selling food



Food carts in New Zealand must meet the requirements of the Food Act 2014, including registration, verification and following food safety practices.

### Registration

- Register the business with local Council
- Get a current food registration certificate
- Verification
- Business to be checked by a qualified verifier (usually within 6 weeks of opening)
- Verifier checks that business is following good food safety practices and keeping records
- The frequency of verifications depends on the business risk level and how well they manage food safety. If the verifier isn't happy the visits become more frequent with potential for enforcement and shut down

### Food Safety Practices

- Follow the food plan for the business type
- Use the My Food Rules tool and booklet to find correct plan
- Ensure everyone working at the business follows the plan and fills out the daily/weekly/monthly checks as required, these records must be available and on site at all times for verifiers to view

### Other potential requirements

- Resource/Building Consent
- Alcohol Licence if intending to sell alcohol
- Permit if trading in a public place on Local Authority Land, see local Council rules (we have our trading in public places by law)
- Comply with the District Plan

Mobile food businesses are subject to the same rules as food businesses operating from commercial premises. Once registered with their local Council and providing a home base address, mobile food operators can travel in any other district in New Zealand provided they meet local public trading rules and get approval for each trading site.

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## Definition of a Mobile Shop

Mobile or travelling shop means a conveyance, whether self-propelled or not, from which any class of goods or services are offered or exposed for sale on a road or public place or from which these goods or services may be ordered.

A conveyance includes motor vehicles and non-motorised modes of transport such as a horse and cart a bicycle, towing a cart.

Mobile shops selling food and or drinks must meet the requirements of any relevant food laws and be registered under the Food Act 2014

In general, mobile shops are able to trade;

- As part of a market or event (with organiser's permission)
- On private land – the landowner's permission is needed. In some cases, resource consent may also be required

Additional approval will be required if operating on;

- State Highways – approval is required from NZTA
- Council reserve land
- Council owned public place

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