

## Do you sell food or drinks from a stall or van at a farmers' market?

### You need to know ...

#### Single state-wide registration/notification

Traders will recall that from 1 July 2011, a state-wide registration and notification scheme for temporary and mobile food premises applies under the Food Act 1984.

Depending on your food handling activities, you only need to register your stall or van with, or notify, the one council in order to then be able to trade across Victoria. Under this system, this is your "principal council". Based on the higher food safety risks of class 1, 2 and 3 food premises, the Food Act requires these premises to have a current registration with council. Due to their lower food safety risks, class 4 premises (selling, for example, mainly pre-packaged low risk food or uncut fruit or vegetables) only have to lodge a notification form with council. A notification is once-off. It is ongoing and does not need to be renewed.

#### Streatrader is here!

A new registration and notification website for temporary and mobile food premises that operate in Victoria has now been launched by the Department of Health in partnership with the Municipal Association of Victoria.

[Streatrader](https://streatrader.health.vic.gov.au) has been developed in response to the move to the single state-wide registration / notification scheme. Businesses and community groups who sell food from stalls and vans can now register with, or notify, their principal council on the Streatrader website -

<https://streatrader.health.vic.gov.au>



Statements of trade required can also be completed in Streatrader.

Streatrader is:

#### Simple

*Businesses and community groups can apply online. Streatrader will guide them through the process.*

#### Efficient

*Documents only need to be lodged online. Once an application to register or notify is accepted by the principal council, businesses and community groups can trade anywhere in Victoria, provided any required statements of trade are lodged.*

#### Convenient

*Being online means businesses and community groups can log in online anywhere, anytime, and complete and lodge their paperwork.*

#### MEAT STALL/VAN OPERATORS

***Do you sell packaged uncooked meat from a stall or van (including a licensed meat transport vehicle) at a market?***

**Specialised rules apply.**

**A flier has been prepared explaining the new arrangements. Find it at:**

[www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm)

## What do farmers' market traders need to do to change over to Streatrader?

### **Not yet registered / notified?**

If you are a new business which wants to commence selling food from a stall or van, and you have not already registered or notified your stall or van with council under the Food Act, you can apply in [Streatrader](#) now.

### **Currently registered / notified?**

If you are a business which has already registered a class 2 or class 3 stall or van under the Food Act with council, or notified a class 4 stall or van, **do not** use Streatrader until your current registration or notification details have been included in the system.

- *Letter received from Department of Health*

Some stall holders and van operators will shortly receive a letter from the Department of Health confirming that this has been done. This letter also explains what these businesses must do.

If you have an already registered **class 2 or class 3** stall or van -

- these existing registrations remain valid until the expiry date listed on the registration certificate. If you wish to continue to sell food from your stall or van after this date, you will need to renew their registration with your principal council. You can do this in Streatrader, but only **when your council advises you that it is time to renew;**
- if you plan to trade at a future farmers' market which you haven't advised councils about yet, a new statement of trade about these **new activities** can be lodged now in Streatrader.

If you have notified your principal council about a **class 4** stall or van -

- you do not need to do anything further if these are the only class 4 stalls or vans you will be operating, and you will continue to only sell pre-packaged low risk food or uncut fruit or vegetables;
- if you wish to operate an additional number of stalls or vans, these can be added in Streatrader now;
- if you wish to expand your operations and sell other types of food (such as prepared foods), you can apply for permission to do this in Streatrader now.

- *Letter NOT YET received from Department of Health*

If you have already registered or notified your stall or van with council under the Food Act, but have not received advice from the Department of Health or a council that this registration or notification has been included in Streatrader, you should **not** apply in Streatrader at this stage. Contact your principal council first, to ensure this information is in the system.

- When this information is included in the system by the principal council, you can update a notification of class 4 premises in Streatrader, if required. A renewal of registration of class 2 or 3 premises can be lodged when council advises that this is necessary. In addition, new applications can be made, and statements of trade updated.
- It is important that you do not apply in Streatrader until you receive confirmation from council that you can do so. In the meantime, any further applications or statements of trade that you want to make or lodge, and which cannot be included in Streatrader at this time, should be lodged with council using the existing paper forms.

### **More information about ...**

#### **Food Act**

For more information about how the Food Act applies to food vans and stalls at farmers' markets, including when registration or notification is required, and for advice about when a premises is class 2, 3 or 4, go to

[www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/foodsafety/bus/mobile.htm)

#### **Streatrader**

For further information about Streatrader, please call 1300 085 767 or email

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