

**DBPR HR- 7007 DIVISION OF HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE**

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Congratulations on your decision to consider a new business venture! As you explore this opportunity, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) Division of Hotels and Restaurants (H&R) is ready to assist you through the licensing and regulatory process.

Our responsibility is to work with the business community to achieve the highest levels of health and safety for all Floridians and tens of millions annual visitors. Toward that goal, we are a resource you can use to see that your new business operates within the requirements of the law.

Our plan reviewers will assist you in meeting the design requirements in the law, and our inspectors will provide educational support on site to help you meet the minimum requirements for healthy and safe conditions and products.

This packet contains information regarding the legal requirements of operating your business. It is very important that you familiarize yourself with this information before you begin operating. If you have questions, or need any clarification, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 Monday through Friday or go online to www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/. Because our knowledge and authority are in state government requirements, it is very important that you also contact local officials regarding any city and county requirements for a new business.

Important note - An Online Account **is required to self-print and maintain your license**. We encourage you to create your DBPR account now, start here www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/. All food and lodging license applications are available online.

We wish you the best of luck and success in your venture.

WHO NEEDS A PUBLIC FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE?

Anyone planning to operate a public food service establishment in Florida will need a license from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants. General information regarding who needs a Hotels and Restaurants license is noted below, for detailed information please review [509 Florida Statutes \(FS\)](#).

"Public food service establishment" means any building, vehicle, place, or structure, or any room or division in a building, vehicle, place, or structure where food is prepared, served, or sold for immediate consumption on or in the vicinity of the premises; called for or taken out by customers; or prepared prior to being delivered to another location for consumption.

- The following are generally excluded from Hotels & Restaurants licensure:
 - Any place maintained and operated by a public or private school, college, or university:
 - For the use of students and faculty; or
 - Temporarily to serve such events as fairs, carnivals, and athletic contests.
 - Any eating place maintained and operated by a church or a religious, nonprofit fraternal, or nonprofit civic organization:
 - For the use of members and associates; or
 - Temporarily to serve such events as fairs, carnivals, or athletic contests.
 - Any eating place located on an airplane, train, bus, or watercraft which is a common carrier.
 - Any eating place maintained by a hospital, nursing home, sanitarium, assisted living facility, adult day care center, or other similar place that is regulated under s. [381.0072](#).
 - Any place of business issued a permit or inspected by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under s. [500.12](#).
 - Any place of business where the food available for consumption is limited to ice, beverages with or without garnishment, popcorn, or prepackaged items sold without additions or preparation.
 - Any theater, if the primary use is as a theater and if patron service is limited to food items customarily served to the admittees of theaters.
 - Any vending machine that dispenses any food or beverages other than potentially hazardous foods, as defined by division rule.
 - Any vending machine that dispenses potentially hazardous food and which is located in a facility regulated under s. [381.0072](#).

- Any research and development test kitchen limited to the use of employees and which is not open to the general public.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Before submitting the application, please complete the following requirements:

- **Beverage License (if applicable)** - Contact the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco for an application and information on the application process. The Division of Hotels and Restaurants inspector will sign the beverage application upon completion of a satisfactory inspection. The Division of Hotels and Restaurants plan reviewer may sign the beverage application upon approval of a plan review without performing an inspection.
- **Online Account** – Necessary to self-print and maintain your license. Visit our website www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/.
- **Florida Sales Tax Number or proof of exemption** - Contact the Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division, at 1.800.352.3671. For additional information, please refer to <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/>.
- **Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)** - Contact the U. S. Internal Revenue Service for an FEIN application (SS-4) at 1.800.829.4933, or download the application from the Internet at: www.irs.gov/forms-instructions.
- **Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)** - The Internal Revenue Service assigns an ITIN to individuals who are not eligible for a social security number due to their status as an alien. Each ITIN begins with the number nine and is formatted in the same configuration as a social security number (900-00-0000). This number is available to alien operators upon the approval of their IRS form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number application. To obtain the form, contact the IRS at 1.800.829.4933 or download the form from the Internet at: www.irs.gov/forms-instructions.
- **Plan Review** - A plan review is required when an establishment is: 1) newly built, 2) converted from another use, 3) remodeled or 4) re-opened after being closed at least 18 months. Applications for change of ownership do not require a plan review if no interruption in operation, construction, remodeling or conversion occurs. Please visit our website at www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/ or contact the Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 to obtain an application for a plan review packet prior to construction or remodeling. The Division of Hotels and Restaurants must approve plans prior to construction, remodeling or obtaining a license.
- **Completed form DBPR HR-7007, Application for Public Food Service Establishment License** – Complete and submit the following application in its entirety, including signature. Any omissions will result in the application being returned and a delay in the issuance of your license.
- **Fees** – Fees are listed in rule 61C-1.008, Florida Administrative Code. We provide fee details on our website at <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/licensing/food-fees/>. If you are unsure of the fee, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395. Please make your check or money order for your fees made payable to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The division does not accept cash payments.
- **Mail Applications and Fees** – If applying by mail send the completed application with payment to:

**Division of Hotels and Restaurants
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783**

- **Opening Inspection** - Once we have received and processed all of the above requirements, we will contact you for an opening inspection.
 - If you have 1) completed plan review, 2) submitted your application and fees, 3) you are ready to open your establishment, and 4) you have not heard from us about your inspection, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 to request an inspection.
 - Inspectors do not routinely conduct pre-opening or courtesy inspections. Do not call to schedule an opening inspection unless absolutely ready to open.
 - If opening a newly built, converted or reopened establishment, do not begin to serve food to the public until a satisfactory inspection and a receipt for license to operate have been obtained.
 - Change of ownership applications do not require an inspection if the previous owner received a satisfactory inspection within 120 days before the application is processed. If there was no inspection within this time period, we will conduct the opening inspection after you legally become the new owner. See page 6, section 2 for the appropriate application type.
 - Ensure that all required equipment is installed and functional prior to the inspector's visit and all the necessary licensing information has been obtained, including owner's name and social security number, Federal Employers Identification Number and/or sales tax number. Have proof of other approvals on site, such as building, electrical, fire, plumbing, etc.
 - After achieving a satisfactory inspection, you would self-print your license from your online account. You will receive a temporary license after your satisfactory inspection that will allow you to operate until the actual license arrives.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

SECTION 1 – LICENSE TYPE

Choose one box that most closely describes the planned establishment. Use the following descriptions provided by Florida law to identify your type of establishment. The specific law for each definition is identified after the description.

- **Seating (SEAT)** – Permanent seating establishments are those fixed public food service establishments that provide and maintain accommodations for consumption of food on the premises of the establishment or under the control of the establishment. The operator of the establishment must provide the number of seats available to the public to the division prior to licensing for fee calculation purposes. The division does not authorize the number of seats. For seating levels and changes to seating, the applicant must obtain wastewater approvals from the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the local utility authority. The local authority having jurisdiction must approve fire safety issues relating to seating levels. [Rule 61C-1.002(5)(b), Florida Administrative Code (FAC)]
- **No Seats (NOST)** – Permanent nonseating establishments are those fixed public food service establishments for which the sole service provided is intended as take-out or delivery, or do not otherwise provide accommodations for consumption of food by guests on the premises, or the premises are not under the control of the operator. For the purposes of this section, we classify establishments located at food courts and malls in this manner as long as the establishment does not have seating within the premises of the establishment itself. [Rule 61C-1.002(5)(a)1., FAC]
- **Culinary Education Programs – (SEAT/NOST)** Culinary Education Programs are a specialized food service license type for programs that educate enrolled students in the culinary arts. In order to qualify the provider must be: A State University or Florida College institution as defined in F.S. 1000.21, Career Center as defined in F.S. 1001.44, Charter Technical Career Center as defined in F.S. 1002.34, nonprofit independent college or university as delineated in F.S. 381.0072 (2) (e), or a nonpublic postsecondary educational facility licensed under part III F.S. 1005. The two Culinary Education Programs licenses are SEAT (with seating) and NOST (no seating). [61C-1.002(5)(a)7., 61C-1.002(5)(b)2, FAC]
- **Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle (MFDV)** – Mobile food dispensing vehicles are vehicle-mounted public food service establishments. Some MFDVs are self-propelled and built to travel on public streets. Other MFDVs are not self-propelled but can be moved from place to place. MFDVs may even be watercraft. Vehicles that are required to have vehicle identification numbers (VINs) must submit this number to the division on the application for license. [Rule 61C-1.002(5)(a)2., FAC]

Self-sufficient vehicles are identified as those units that contain, as part of the vehicle, a three-compartment sink for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing equipment and utensils; a separate handwash sink; adequate refrigeration and storage capacity; full provision of power utilities including electrical, LP gas, or a portable power generation unit; a potable water holding tank; and a liquid waste disposal system in accordance with Subparts 5-3 and 5-4 of the Food Code. Self-Sufficient vehicles must have a location where water can be safely procured and where wastewater can be legally disposed of. **This location cannot be a private residence.** Mobile food dispensing vehicles are not allowed to obtain water from or dispose of wastewater at a private residence, or prepare food; store food products, equipment or utensils; or conduct warewashing or any other activities related to the public food service in a private residence.

- **Hot Dog Cart (HTDG)** – Hot dog carts are MFDVs that limit the preparation of food to frankfurters. [Rule 61C-4.0161(3), FAC] Hot dog carts must have, as part of the vehicle, a handwash sink; power utilities including electrical, LP-gas, or a portable power generation unit; a potable water holding tank; and a liquid waste disposal system in accordance with Subparts 5-3 and 5-4 of the Food Code. A hot dog cart may be an open-air unit with overhead protection or a fully-enclosed unit, but may not be equipped with a three-compartment sink.

Hot dog carts need a support site called a **commissary**. A **commissary** is a public food service establishment licensed by the division or a food establishment permitted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services where the MFDV goes for services that are not done on the vehicle. A commissary may provide a potable water source or a wastewater disposal site. You may prepare, package or store food at this location and use a three-compartment sink on the premises to wash and sanitize equipment or utensils. Food containers or other supplies may be stored at the commissary. **THE DIVISION DOES NOT ALLOW FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING OBTAINING WATER OR DISPOSING OF WASTEWATER, TO OCCUR IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE.**

If the vehicle is not self-sufficient, you must complete **Form DBPR HR-7022—Division of Hotels and Restaurants Commissary Notification** for all commissaries to be used by this vehicle to store food, dump wastewater, etc. The form is available on our website: www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/hotels-restaurants/forms-publications/. We cannot approve the application without the information on this form.

- **Theme Park Food Cart (PARK)** - Theme park food cart is a specialized license type that operates within the confines of a theme park or entertainment complex as an extension of or in association with a fixed public food service establishment.
[Rule 61C-1.002(5)(a)6., FAC]
- **Catering (CATR)** - Caterers are public food service establishments where food or drink is prepared for service elsewhere in response to an agreed upon contract for a function or event. The term "caterer" does not include those establishments licensed pursuant to Chapters 500 or 381, FS, or any other location where food is provided or displayed for sale by the individual meal. A licensed public food service establishment that also provides catering services is not required to hold a separate catering license from the division. Caterers must meet all applicable standards of a public food service establishment as provided in Rules 61C-1.004, 61C-4.010, and 61C-4.023, FAC. Separate independent caterers utilizing the equipment or premises of a licensed establishment are deemed operators as defined by subsection 509.013(2), FS, of such public food service establishment and subject to all applicable requirements of law and rule. [Rule 61C-1.002(5)(a)3., FAC]
- **Vending Machine (VEND)** - Vending machines are any self-service devices licensed pursuant to Chapter 509, FS, which, upon insertion of coin or token, or by other means, dispense unit servings of potentially hazardous food, either in bulk or packaged, without the necessity of replenishing the device between each operation. All vending machine owners shall submit the serial number of each vending machine to the division on the application for license. It is the responsibility of the vending machine owner to maintain an accurate and current list of vending machine locations with the corresponding serial number. This list shall be made available to the division upon request. The division shall coordinate with the vending machine owner to schedule inspections with the assistance of the owner or its agent with the capability to open and demonstrate the machine.
[Rule 61C-1.002(5)(a)5., FAC]

SECTION 2 – APPLICATION INFORMATION

- **Application Type** – indicate the type of application to be processed. For newly constructed establishments, or facilities converted from another previous usage, choose “New Establishment or Vehicle.” For all establishments previously licensed within the last year, choose “Change of Ownership.”
- **License Number and Previous Business Name** – for applications for “Change of Ownership”, please indicate the previous license number and previous business name if known. This information will facilitate the processing of the application.
- **Plan Review Requirement** – Indicate the status of your plan review. If you have received a letter from our Plan Review Office, please include the file number we provided to facilitate processing. Change of ownerships may or may not require plan review depending if changes were made to the food service equipment. If sharing a DBPR licensed kitchen mark the appropriate “Not Required” checkbox and include the license number of the kitchen.
- **Federal Employers Identification Number (FEIN)** – required for business/corporate applicants.
- **Social Security Number** – at least one social security number is required. Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of social security numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. In this instance, disclosure of social security numbers is mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code, sections 653 and 654; and sections 409.2577, 409.2598, and 559.79, Florida Statutes. Social security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations. Social security numbers must also be recorded on all occupational license applications and are used for licensee identification purposes pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act), 104 Pub.L.193, Sec. 317.
- **Sales Tax Number** – required by the Florida Department of Revenue to do business. If exempt, please mark the checkbox accordingly.
- **Opening Date** – please indicate the date the establishment will be opened for business.

SECTION 3 – OWNER AND MAIN ADDRESS

Complete this information for the establishment owner as completely as possible. Incomplete information will result in the application being delayed or denied.

- **Owner Name** – individual person or organization that currently owns the establishment. Also, check the appropriate box indicating whether the owner is legally a corporation, partnership or individual person. For establishments owned or operated by partnerships, corporations or cooperatives, please attach a separate sheet or sheets listing the name, address, and social security number of each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding stocks or equity interest in the licensed activity. (Required)
- **Routing Name** – if contact name is different than the owner, please indicate in the space provided. (Optional)
- **Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code, Florida County (if applicable), Country** – address of record for purpose of official communications from the department. (Required)
- **Phone Number** – primary contact number for questions or concerns about the application. (Required)
- **E-Mail Address** – primary email contact for communications about your application.

SECTION 4 – ESTABLISHMENT LOCATION INFORMATION

Complete the establishment information as completely as possible. Incomplete information will result in the application being delayed or denied.

- **Establishment Name (Doing Business As [DBA])** – the name of establishment. If the establishment is part of a chain, please indicate a unique identifier (for example, Burger King #103). (Required)
- **Street Address, City, Zip Code, Florida County** – address of the establishment. For mobile food dispensing vehicles that are not self-sufficient, this should be the commissary address in Florida. For self-sufficient vehicles, this may be either the owner address or the mailing address. (Required)
- **Phone Number and E-Mail Address** – alternate contact information.

SECTION 5 – MAILING INFORMATION

This is an optional additional address for mailing if applicable. If this information is the same as Section 3 or Section 4, please indicate.

- Routing Name – if correspondence should be mailed to a different name than the owner, please indicate in the space provided. (Optional)
- Street Address or Post Office Box, City, State, Zip Code, Florida County (if applicable), Country – address of record for purpose of official communications from the department. (Required)
- Phone Number and E-Mail Address – alternate contact information

SECTION 6 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Complete the remaining questions. Remember that an incomplete application may result in the application being delayed or denied.

SECTION 7 – SIGNATURE

Please print name and title, and then sign and date the application before submitting. (Required)

Complete the application and supporting documents and mail them with the appropriate fees to: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0783. Use the entire 9-digit zip code in the address above to ensure proper handling. Please allow up to 30 days for processing after mailing.

After we receive and process the application documents and fees, we will contact you to schedule an opening inspection. If you have not heard from us within 30 days, or you have an urgent need to open your establishment sooner, please contact the DBPR Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 a few days before your opening date to schedule an inspection. Satisfactory inspection is required for all food service establishment licensees except ownership transfers that previously had a satisfactory inspection within the past 120 days.

NOTE: All establishments are required to meet the sanitation and safety standards provided by law. Two very important requirements are:

- All refrigeration must maintain potentially hazardous foods at 41°F or colder. You must install thermometers in the warmest part of all refrigeration/freezer units. A probe-type thermometer scaled for its intended use is required for employees to check food temperatures. Be sure all thermometers are calibrated and present at the time of the opening inspection.
- If you intend to have bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food, you must first have an approved Alternative Operating Procedure (AOP). DBPR Form HR 5022-049, Alternative Operating Procedure (AOP), incorporated by reference in rule 61C-4.010(1), FAC, and available on the division's website, explains the requirements. If you do not have an approved AOP, food employees may not touch ready-to-eat foods with their bare hands. Employees in establishments without an AOP must use utensils such as deli tissue, spatulas, tongs, single-use gloves or other dispensing equipment.

Section 1 – License Type

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS APPLICABLE.

Fixed Establishments			Mobile Food Vehicles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seating (2010/SEAT)	<input type="checkbox"/> No Seats (2010/NOST)	<input type="checkbox"/> Caterer (2013/CATR) (Catering only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle (2014/MFDV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Dog Cart (2014/HTDG)
Other Food Service License Types:		<input type="checkbox"/> Theme Park Food Cart (2012/PARK)		<input type="checkbox"/> Vending Machine (2015/VEND)
Culinary Education Programs:		<input type="checkbox"/> With Seats (2023/SEAT)		<input type="checkbox"/> No Seats (2023/NOST)
For Culinary Educations Programs please submit documentation verifying the establishment meets statutory education requirements.				
Number of Seats:		(Required to calculate fees)		Vending Machine Serial Number:
MFDVs - Is this vehicle self-sufficient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No", you are required to provide commissary information for approval.			Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) – for MFDVs:	
The division does not authorize the number of seats. For seating levels and changes to seating, the applicant must obtain wastewater approvals from the Florida Department of Health, Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the local utility authority. The local authority having jurisdiction must approve fire safety issues relating to seating levels.				

Section 2 – Application Information

<input type="checkbox"/> New Establishment or Vehicle		<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Ownership (previously licensed within the 18 months by H&R)	
License Number:		Previous Business Name:	
Plan Review Requirement		<input type="checkbox"/> Completed – File Number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not required		<input type="checkbox"/> In progress – File Number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not required - Caterer using existing H&R licensed kitchen. License Number:			
All food service locations that have not held a license with this division within one calendar year and existing food service locations that have been remodeled require plan review. For more information, please see our website. For faster processing, please include a copy of your letter from the Plan Review Office with your application or provide your file number above.			
Federal Employers Identification Number (FEIN) (For businesses and corporations)		* Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security Numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by Federal statute. In this instance, disclosure of social security numbers is mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code, Sections 653 and 654; and sections 409.2577, 409.2598, and 559.79, Florida Statutes. Social Security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to assure compliance with child support obligations.	
Social Security Number (REQUIRED)* (For president, primary shareholder, partner or individual)			
Sales Tax Number (Check if exempt <input type="checkbox"/>)			
Opening Date (MM/DD/YYYY)			

Section 3 – Owner and Main Address (MA) – This will be designated as the "address of record" for the establishment

FOR ESTABLISHMENTS OWNED OR OPERATED BY PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS OR COOPERATIVES, please attach a separate sheet or sheets listing the name, address, and social security number of each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding stocks or equity interest in the licensed activity and the name, address, and social security numbers* of each officer, director, chief executive, or other person who, in accordance with the rules of the issuing agency, is determined to be able directly or indirectly to control the operation of the business of the licensed entity.

Owner Name (please check one: ☐ **Corporation** ☐ **Partnership** ☐ **Individual**)

Routing Name (e.g., Management Company, contact name)

Street Address or Post Office Box

City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)
Florida County (if applicable)	Country	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	

Section 4 – Establishment Location Information (LL) – This is the physical location address

For mobile food dispensing vehicles and hot dog carts, enter the commissary address. For self-sufficient vehicles that do not use a commissary, enter the water/sewer location address.

Establishment Name (DBA)

Street Address

City	Zip Code (+4 optional)	Florida County
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	



Section 5 – Mailing Information (LM) – This address will be used for any mailings.Complete below or check here if: Same as Section 3 – Owner and Main Address ☐ Same as Section 4 – Establishment Location ☐

Routing Name (e.g., Management Company, contact name)

Street Address or Post Office Box

City	State	Zip Code (+4 optional)
Florida County (if applicable)	Country	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address	

Section 6 - Additional Information

Is this food service establishment associated with a lodging establishment?

☐ Yes ☐ No*If yes, indicate the name and license number of the associated lodging establishment below*

Name of Lodging Establishment	License Number of Lodging Establishment
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Is this food service establishment free standing (not within another structure, such as a hotel or mall)?

☐ Yes ☐ No**Section 7- Signature**

SECTION 559.79 (2), FS: Each application for a license or renewal of a license issued by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be signed under oath or affirmation by the applicant, or owner or chief executive of the applicant without the need for witnesses unless otherwise required by law.

I certify that I am empowered to execute this application as required by Section 559.79, Florida Statutes. I understand that my signature on this written declaration has the same legal effect as an oath or affirmation. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing application and the facts stated in it are true. **I understand that falsification of any material information on this application may result in criminal penalty or administrative action, including a fine, suspension or revocation of the license.**

Applicant Name	Applicant Title	
Signature	Date	

Reminder: [Create your Online Account](#) to self-print and maintain your license.