



Market Food Stalls

This guide sheet has been produced to provide helpful information about temporary food premises at a market site (market food stall).

What is a market food stall?

A market food stall is a temporary food premises conducted on a regular basis at any approved market site within the Cairns Regional Council area.

Temporary food premises are defined in the *Food Act 2006* as "premises other than fixed premises or mobile premises, and includes, for example, a stall or a tent."

Licence requirements

A Market Food Stall Licence allows you to operate at any approved market site within the Cairns Regional Council Area at the discretion of the relevant Market Coordinator.

Before applying for a licence, you are advised to seek approval from the Market Coordinator to ensure you are able to operate there.

Applications for a Market Food Stall Licence must also include Food Safety Supervisor details.

Preparation of food at a market food stall is restricted to the preparation of non-alcoholic drinks and the cutting up of fruit and vegetables.

The handling of potentially hazardous food at a market food stall is limited to transporting, displaying and serving only. **No cooking or reheating of food is permitted at a market stall** (except by non-profit organisations).

All food preparation must be done in a licensed kitchen. There may be special circumstances to allow food prepared by you **at home** for the markets, but this will require prior approval.

If you wish to expand your operations to include cooking and preparation of high risk food products, you must obtain a Mobile Food Vehicle Licence. Operation of mobile food

vehicles at approved market sites may be restricted. Please contact the individual Market Coordinator for further information.

The market food stall must be set up and operated in accordance with the conditions of approval. For more detailed information relating to this, please refer to Council's *Structural & Operational Requirements for Temporary Food Premises*.

Application process

Once you have obtained site approval from the Market Coordinator, an *Application for a Market Food Stall Licence* must be lodged to Council with the annual fee.

Applications can be mailed to Council's postal address or lodged in person at Council's administration offices. Once approval is granted a licence will be issued that must be displayed at the stall.

For further information about market food stalls, please contact Council's Licensing and Approvals Units to discuss with an Environmental Health Officer.

