

FOOTPATH DINING PERMIT Fact Sheet

New permit applications

If you operate a food business and would like to use the footpath as an outdoor dining area for your patrons, you must apply for a Council-issued footpath dining permit.

Your permit application must include:

1. A completed footpath dining permit application form that is signed by an appropriate representative;
2. Evidence of Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20million noting Cairns Regional Council as an interested party;
3. Additional supporting documentation as per the directions on the application form; and
4. Payment of the footpath dining permit application fee.

To assist Council with the speedy processing of your application, please check you have completed all of the above prior to submitting your documentation.

Once your application is approved, Council will issue you a footpath dining permit. You must also pay rental fees (as outlined on Council's website) to rent the public footpath for commercial purposes.

Permit renewals

Footpath dining permits need to be renewed annually and are not transferable. Permit renewal application forms are issued to you by Council on 1 July each year.

To retain validity of your footpath dining permit, please ensure you return your signed permit renewal application form, together with payment of the associated permit and rental fees, by 31 July.

Businesses that trade without a valid footpath dining permit are at risk of being fined and could have their outdoor dining furniture seized by Council.

