

Recipe for Success

How to Get Licensed



Your food is amazing - now share it safely!

If you dream of selling your secret sauce, sandwiches, or cookies, licensing makes sure your business grows with confidence while keeping your customers safe.

Why getting licensed helps you grow:

- Win customer confidence: Show customers you care about safety.
- Protect your reputation: Avoid being incorrectly blamed for a foodborne illness outbreak.
- Open more doors: Farmers markets, fairs, festivals, and catering all require permits.



Steps to success:

1. Contact your local health department (www.doh.wa.gov/localhealthfoodcontacts). They'll guide you through the process.
2. Plan your menu and kitchen. A clear plan helps speed the process.
3. Apply and get your kitchen inspection-ready.
4. Pass inspection and launch your business with confidence.

Play it Safe:

Licensing isn't just a requirement – it's an investment in your success. Safe food builds loyal customers, stronger businesses, and healthier communities.

