



## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Licensing of Food Establishment Operators under Section 16 [1] of the Food Safety Act 2003**

Members of the public are advised that no person must operate a Food Establishment unless the establishment is licensed under the Act. A person who contravenes the above commits an offence and is liable for conviction not exceeding \$10,000 or 5-year's imprisonment.

A valid Health License remains a requirement despite the removal of the need to have a valid Business License, and food business operators are advised to start its application to respective municipalities and health offices in Fiji by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

Applicants are required to submit:

- Complete and signed 25<sup>th</sup> Schedule form of the Food Safety Act which can be accessed at the respective district health office or city/town municipalities health department.
- Certified copy of certificate of registration
- Tax Compliance letter
- The prescribed fee

Health Licenses are issued if the subject application is in compliant to the full requirements of the Food Safety Act & Regulations. The Central Board of Health, a constituted authority under the Public Health Act is a body which has the powers to issue license, to refuse, to vary, suspend or cancel a license when the establishment is found not meeting the conditions imposed by the Board and any other conditions prescribed by the Food Safety Act and Regulation.

Once approvals are granted, applicants will be required to pay the fees as per Schedule 26 of the Act. Licenses issued under the Act is only valid for the period ending **31<sup>st</sup> December each year** and needs to be renewed annually.

If you have any queries please contact the Food Unit/Competent Authority on telephone 3215058 or via email on [taina.waqaliva@health.gov.fj](mailto:taina.waqaliva@health.gov.fj)



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