

Online food safety training

Free online training courses for businesses, including allergen training and food labelling courses.

We have free online food safety courses available to help you and your business comply with food hygiene and food standards. Our e-learning courses include:

- [Allergen training](#)
- [Labelling training](#)
- [Root cause analysis training](#)
- [Traceability training](#)
- [Vacuum packing training](#)

Allergen training

We provide free [online food allergy training](#). You can learn more about managing allergens in a kitchen as well as how to cater for allergen information requirements. It's suitable for all staff members as you must make sure that staff are trained to [manage allergens](#).

Your staff should:

- know the procedures when asked to provide allergen information
- be trained to handle allergen information requests
- be able to guarantee that allergen-free meals are served to the right customer
- know the risks and prevent allergen cross-contamination when handling and preparing foods

Our interactive food allergy course consists of six modules, each with a test at the end. Once you pass these tests, you can download your continuing professional development (CPD) certificate. This allergens course is available in English and Welsh.

IMPORTANT

We are in the process of updating our food allergy training. The new course will go live on **16 September 2020**. The course has been updated to include training on [prepacked for direct sale foods](#), allergen management in food production settings, and other new content. If you are planning on completing this training, we recommend that you start once the updated course is available.

Labelling training

Our free [food labelling e-learning course](#) will give you a general understanding of current food labelling legislation. The course modules include:

- Mandatory information and legibility
- Country of origin labelling
- Protected food names

Root cause analysis training

Our free online [Root Cause Analysis Course for Food Businesses course](#) will provide you with an understanding of the theory and practice of Root Cause Analysis (RCA). Developed with [Food Standards Scotland](#) it explores the method of problem-solving that identifies the causes of faults or problems in the food supply chain.

Traceability training

Our [traceability e-learning course](#) focuses on the principles and practice of traceability and how this relates to your role and responsibilities.

Modules in our free online traceability course include:

- background and overview of legislation
- requirements in Regulation 178/2002 for all food
- traceability and food business operations

Vacuum packing training

Our [online training course about vacuum packing](#) and modified atmosphere packing of food will give you a basic understanding of the vacuum packing processes and the importance of microbiological safety in their use.

Food hygiene courses and certificates

In the UK, food handlers don't have to hold a food hygiene certificate to prepare or sell food. But food business operators must ensure that food handlers receive the appropriate supervision and training in food hygiene. This must be in-line with the area staff work in and to enable them to handle food safely.

The skills taught in official training programmes can also be learned by:

- self-study
- training on-the-job
- relevant prior experience

You may also want to download our [Safer food, better business \(SFBB\)](#) information packs for businesses. We provide downloads for food businesses including:

- [caterers](#)
- [childminders](#)
- [Chinese cuisine in English](#) and [Cantonese](#)
- [Indian cuisine](#)
- [residential care homes](#)
- [retailers](#)

We also have [teaching resources for colleges](#).

[Your local authority](#) may also provide or recommend food hygiene courses.

Remember: When you start a new food business or take over an existing business, you must [register with your local authority](#).