

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOOD COMPLIANCE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The “small” category states less than 4 employees. Is that full-time and/or part-time employees?

This is the total number of employees working at the food establishment. It doesn't matter whether the employees are full or part time.

Is the square footage based on the whole store or just the part with food items?

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food bases the square footage on the areas of the store that is inspected.

Why is UDAF charging fees?

The state legislature passed a bill requiring fees for food establishments.

When will I be charged?

Annual registration invoices will be mailed out in October and November. Fees will be due December 31 of that year.

What if I don't want to be inspected?

Inspection is mandated by the Utah Wholesome Food Act. This Act ensures a safe food supply to protect the public.

What if I don't pay the fees?

Additional regulatory action will be taken.

What happens to my registration if I sell my business?

Registrations are not transferable. The new owner will need to obtain a registration.

Are dietary supplement processors, food and beverage warehouses and retail stores considered food establishments?

Facilities where food is manufactured, processed, packaged, stored, transported, prepared or sold are defined as food establishments. Dietary supplements are considered food.

Are alcoholic beverage processors (beer, wine) considered food establishments?

UDAF inspects these facilities because alcoholic beverages are consumed.

Is there any exemption for non-profit organizations or businesses?

No, the state legislature did not exempt non-profit food establishments.