

Special permits for food trading during COVID-19 in the City of Cape Town

Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State President declared a National Disaster and issued directives to combat the spread of the virus. Further a 21 days has been implemented. It effectively limits services provided and the movement of people.

In response the City suspended all informal trading activities as required by the directive and regulations released by the Minister of COGTA. Subsequently, the amended Directive dated 5 April 2020, allowed for informal food trading excluding cooked food subject to a permit granted by the Municipality. It must be emphasised that this permit is applicable for the Lockdown period only

Informal Food Trading

This is applicable only to food trading as defined by the Minister's directive. The main objective of the Lockdown directives is to stop the spread of the Coronavirus by limiting people movement, encouraging adequate social distancing and practising sound hygiene.

The basket of goods that are allowed include:

- fruit and vegetables,
- uncooked meat and fish
- sweets and cool drinks.

The **trading conditions** include the following:

- Permitted Hours of trading are 08:00 -17:00 daily
- Personal Protective Equipment must be provided by the trader (mask, sanitisers and gloves)
- The trader is responsible for the provision of water to ensure good hygiene as applicable
- No selling of unpermitted goods e.g. Cigarettes,
- A distance of one (1) metre apart should be maintained between trading stalls
- The trader is responsible to ensure that customers are one (1) metre apart
- Traders should have the Informal Trading Permit or Concession Letter together with the COVID19: Coronavirus: Lockdown Permit at all times whilst trading
- The permit holder must at all times keep proof of identity documentation on their person that must be presented together with the COVID19: Coronavirus: Lockdown Permit to any government official and/or enforcement agencies.
- Any contravention of the above conditions will result in the immediate revocation of your COVID-19: Coronavirus: lockdown permit.
- If no identification is presented, the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence during the lockdown.
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Implementation

Permits for informal trading will be issued by designated officials of the Area Economic Development Branch of the City of Cape Town .

Traders can apply for COVID19: Coronavirus: Lockdown Permits weekdays from Tuesday 07 April 2020 from 09:00 until 15:00 weekdays only (excluding public holidays) at the following locations:

Area East

- Khayelitsha Training Centre
- Kuils River Municipal Offices
- Subcouncil 8: Strand Municipal Offices
- Somerset Municipal Offices

Area South

- Plumstead Administration Building, 1 Victoria Road Plumstead
- Lentegeur Administrative Office, cnr Melkbos and Merrydale Roads, Lentegeur
- Philippi traders need to visit Fezeka Building, corner of NY1 and Lansdowne Road, Gugulethu

Central

- Goodwood Municipal Offices, c/o Voortrekker Road; Goodwood; Cape Town
- Athlone Minor Hall, c/o Protea and Klipfontein Roads, Athlone
- Fezeka Building, c/o NY1 and Lansdowne Road, Gugulethu
- Bellville Civic Centre and Municipal Offices, Voortrekker Road, Bellville

Area North

- 44 Wale Street, Cape Town CBD
- Kraaifontein Municipal offices, Kraaifontein
- Milnerton Municipal administration Offices, Milnerton

Please bring the following documents to submit your application:

- Identity Document or Refugee Permit (only CTR reference refugee permits allowed)
- Existing Trading Permit
- Concession Letter
- Certificate of Acceptability (where applicable)