



HEALTH CARE AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PROCEDURES FOR NEW OWNERS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO OBTAIN A VALID HEALTH PERMIT

The California State Health and Safety Code requires that any person, or other legal entity, apply for and receive a Health Permit issued by Orange County Health Care Agency in order to operate any food establishment within the County. **A food facility shall not open for business without a valid permit.** A permit shall be issued by Environmental Health when an investigation has determined that the facility and its method of operation conforms to Health and Safety Codes. A permit shall be valid only for the person, location, type of food sales, or distribution activity approved and is not transferable.

*Attached you will find an "Application for Health Permit and/or Health Service Fee Receipt".

*Complete the upper portion of the application as indicated. Please print legibly or type. Also indicate, at the very bottom of the application, the date the new owner (you) took possession of the establishment.

*Call Environmental Health at _____ to arrange an inspection date and time with the Environmental Health Specialist for the city in which your establishment is located.

*A permit cannot be issued until the establishment meets all applicable requirements of the law.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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