

## WA Priority Classification System

The CEO of the Department of Health, under section 100(2) of the *Food Act 2008*, has approved the following as the priority classification system in WA for the purposes of the application of the requirements relating to food safety programs:

Food Businesses Type	Priority Classification	Compliance Arrangements
<p>Food businesses required by the <i>Food Act 2008</i> to comply with Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code Standard 3.2.1 (Food Safety Programs)</p> <p>This requirement extends to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food business subject to the requirements of Standard 3.3.1 (Food Safety Programs for food service to vulnerable persons) of the Food Standards Code</li> </ul>	<p>Priority 1 (P1)</p>	<p>Audit by Food Act approved RFSA with qualifications suitable to the business type.</p> <p><b>Frequency of audit:</b></p> <p>Initial audit frequency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 6 months</li> </ul> <p>Audit frequency range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximum 3 monthly</li> <li>minimum 12 monthly</li> </ul> <p>An RFSA may determine that the audit frequency be changed in accordance with section 103 of the Food Act.</p> <p>The audit frequency can only be decreased if the food business has had no non-compliances identified in two previous audits.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food businesses subject to the requirements of Standard 4.2.4 (Primary Production and Processing Standard for Dairy Products) of the Food Standards Code. (Division 4)</li> </ul>	<p>Priority 1 (P1)</p>	<p>Audit by Food Act approved RFSA's with qualifications suitable to the business type.</p> <p>In accordance with regulation 4 of the Food Regulations, the Department of Health is the appropriate enforcement agency for all businesses captured under Standard 4.2.4.</p> <p><b>Frequency of audit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial audit frequency: Standard 4.2.4 Division 4: every 6 months</li> </ul> <p>Audit frequency range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maximum 3 monthly</li> <li>minimum 12 monthly</li> </ul> <p>An RFSA may determine that the audit frequency be changed in accordance with section 103 of the Act.</p> <p>The audit frequency can only be decreased if the food business has had no non-compliances identified in two previous audits.</p>
<p>Other food businesses not classified yet</p>	<p>Priority 2 (P2)</p>	<p>Not classified at this time</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food businesses subject to the requirements of Standard 4.2.4 (Primary Production and Processing Standard for Dairy Products) of the Food Standards Code. (Division 2 and 3)</li> </ul>	<p>Priority 3 (P3)</p>	<p>In accordance with regulation 4 of the Food Regulations, the Department of Health is the appropriate enforcement agency for all businesses captured under Standard 4.2.4.</p> <p><b>Frequency of audit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial audit frequency: Standard 4.2.4 Division 2 and 3: every 12 months</li> </ul> <p>Audit frequency range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 6 monthly</li> <li>Minimum 24 months</li> </ul> <p>An RFSA may determine that the audit frequency be changed in accordance with section 103 of the Act.</p> <p>The audit frequency can only be decreased if the food business has had no non-compliances identified in two previous audits</p>
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Approved and signed

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