

NSLP/SBP Exemptions and Waivers

Contracting entities (CEs) may be exempt from specified program requirements if the CE

- (1) meets certain criteria,
- (2) submits information to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as required, and
- (3) is approved for the exemption/waiver.

Questions about any of the exemptions/waivers on this list may be submitted by email to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov. The exemption/waiver topic should be recorded in the email subject line.

Exemption/Waiver Topic and Purpose		Web-Based Form	Explanation and Guidance in the Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM)
Male/Female Separation	Operate a Male/Female separated meal service	Male/Female Separation Waiver	Section 3, Civil Rights & Confidentiality
Hiring Professional Standards for CEs with a Total Enrollment of 500 or Less	Apply alternate hiring standards for a School Nutrition Program (SNP) director	Hiring Professional Standards for CE's with a total of 500 or less Waiver	Section 27, Professional Standards
Lunch Meal Time	Operate lunch meal service outside of the required meal times	Lunch Meal Time Waiver	Section 21, Meal Service
Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern or Milk Choice	Serve the same age/grade group meal pattern or type of milk to all students	RCCI Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern or Milk Choice Waiver	Section 28, Residential Child Care Institutions
Seamless Summer Option Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern Portion Size	Serve only one age/grade group meal pattern at a summer meal site	Seamless Summer Option Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern Portion Size	Section 11, Summer Meal Programs
Request to Provide Non-Congregate Feeding during Extreme Heat or Poor Air Quality - SFSP and SSO	Provide Non-Congregate Feeding during Extreme Heat or Poor Air Quality	Request to Provide Non-Congregate Feeding during Extreme Heat or Poor Air Quality - SFSP and SSO	Section 11, Summer Meal Programs
Request to Provide Non-Congregate Feeding During Ramadan		Request to Provide Non-Congregate Feeding During Ramadan	

Technology Based Confirmation	Use an electronic confirmation review process	Technology Based Confirmation Waiver	<i>Section 21, Meal Service</i>
Universal Breakfast	Waive required breakfast service (Texas law)	Universal Breakfast Waiver	<i>Section 7, Breakfast Programs</i>
Vending Machines to Dispense Reimbursable Meals	Use a vending machine to dispense a reimbursable meal	Vending Machine Waiver	<i>Section 21, Meal Service</i>