

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

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