

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	Location of Web-Based Form	Explanation and Guidance in the <i>Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM)</i>
Gender Separation Operate a gender-separated meal service	https://form.jotform.com/52364438379162	<i>Section 3, Civil Rights & Confidentiality</i>
Hiring Professional Standards for CEs with a Total Enrollment of 500 or Less Apply alternate hiring standards for a School Nutrition Program (SNP) director	https://form.jotform.com/90843578258167	<i>Section 27, Professional Standards</i>
Lunch Meal Time Operate lunch meal service outside of the required meal times	https://form.jotform.com/82626760774163	<i>Section 21, Meal Service</i>
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	https://form.jotform.com/82884854274168	<i>Section 28, Residential Child Care Institutions</i>
Seamless Summer Option Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern Portion Size Serve only one age/grade group meal pattern at a summer meal site	https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7acd4174b20042239098bc44b2284d4e	<i>Section 11, Summer Meal Programs</i>
Non-Congregate Extreme Heat/Poor Air Quality Event Provide Non-Congregate Feeding during Extreme Heat or Poor Air Quality Event	https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/284f84be384d40fd90164dfc89386d9b	<i>Section 11, Summer Meal Programs</i>
Technology Based Confirmation Use an electronic confirmation review process	https://form.jotform.com/211119025825145	<i>Section 21, Meal Service</i>
Universal Breakfast Waive required breakfast service (Texas law)	https://form.jotform.com/60696374325159	<i>Section 7, Breakfast Programs</i>
Vending Machines to Dispense Reimbursable Meals Use a vending machine to dispense a reimbursable meal	https://form.jotform.com/82886276074166	<i>Section 21, Meal Service</i>