

Business types requiring licenses

based on the Article 35, the Order for Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act of Japan
(This Order for Enforcement came into effect by 1 Jun 2021.)

- (i) restaurant businesses;
- (ii) businesses that cook food using vending machines capable of cooking food (excluding those equipped with devices necessary to prevent food sanitation hazards, such as devices to automatically clean the parts that come into direct contact with foods not packed or wrapped in containers and packaging) and sell the cooked food;
- (iii) processed meat sales businesses (excluding businesses that solely purchase processed meat packed in containers and packaging and sell it as is);

*Note that the processed meat sales businesses refer to businesses that process “processed meat,” including partial meat, sliced meat, ground meat, seasoned meat, further such as repacking into smaller amounts and sell.
- (iv) fish and seafood sales businesses (meaning businesses that set up stores to sell fresh fish and seafood (including frozen items; hereinafter the same applies to this item and the following item), and excluding businesses that sell live fish and seafood, businesses that solely purchase fresh fish and seafood packed in containers and packaging and sell them as is, and businesses that fall under the following item);

*Note that fish and seafood sales business refer to business that process live items (fish and seafood), frozen items or processed items further such as repacking into smaller amounts and sell.
- (v) fish and seafood auction businesses (meaning businesses that sell fresh fish and seafood by trade methods specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, such as auction at a fish and seafood market);
- (vi) milk collecting businesses (meaning businesses that collect and preserve raw milk);
- (vii) milk processing businesses (meaning businesses that process raw milk or produce (including packaging; hereinafter the same applies to this item) milk served for drinking, or businesses that process raw milk or produce milk served for drinking and that also produce dairy products (limited to beverages) or nonalcoholic beverages);
- (viii) special milking and processing businesses (meaning businesses that collect cow milk and process it into milk meeting ingredient standards specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare without a sterilization process or through a pasteurization process);
- (ix) slaughtering businesses (meaning businesses that slaughter or dress birds other than the poultry provided in Article 2, item (i) of the [Poultry Slaughtering Business Control and Poultry Meat Inspection Act](#) (Act No. 70 of 1990) or livestock other than the livestock provided in Article 3, paragraph (1) of the [Slaughterhouse Act](#) (Act No. 114 of 1953), or divide or chop meat, organs, etc. of dressed birds or livestock for the purpose of serving them for human consumption, and excluding businesses that fall under items (xxvi) or (xxviii));
- (x) food irradiation businesses;
- (xi) confectionery producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce confectionery (including bread and bean jam), and excluding businesses that fall under items (xxvi) or (xxviii));

- (xii) ice cream producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce ice cream, ice sherbet, ice candy, and other foods that are made by freezing liquid foods or a mixture of liquid foods and other foods);
- (xiii) dairy product producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce (including packaging (excluding packaging solid products)) foods made primarily from milk that are specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, such as powdered milk, condensed milk, cultured milk, cream, butter, cheese, and lactic acid bacteria beverages);
- (xiv) nonalcoholic beverage producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce (including packaging) nonalcoholic beverages not using raw milk or dairy products (limited to beverages) not using raw milk);
- (xv) processed meat product producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce ham, sausage, bacon, and other items similar thereto (hereinafter referred to as "processed meat products" in this item) or businesses that produce, together with processed meat products, daily food dishes using processed meat or processed meat products);
- (xvi) fishery product producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce foods made primarily from aquatic animals, such as fish and seafood, or their eggs (hereinafter referred to as "aquatic animals, etc." in this item), or businesses that produce, together with those foods, daily food dishes using those foods or aquatic animals, etc., and excluding businesses that fall under items (xxvi) or (xxviii));
- (xvii) ice producing businesses;
- (xviii) liquid egg producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce (including packaging) chicken eggs removed from the shell);
- (xix) edible fat and oil producing businesses (including margarine or shortening producing businesses);
- (xx) miso or soy sauce producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce miso or soy sauce, or businesses that produce, together with those items, foods made primarily from miso or soy sauce);
- (xxi) alcoholic beverage producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce (including packaging) alcoholic beverages);
- (xxii) tofu producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce tofu or businesses that produce, together with tofu, foods made primarily from tofu or from by-products of tofu production);
- (xxiii) natto producing businesses;
- (xxiv) noodle producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce noodles, and excluding businesses that fall under items (xxvi) or (xxviii));
- (xxv) daily food dish producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce boiled dishes (including food boiled down in soy sauce), baked dishes (including stir-fried dishes), deep-fried dishes, steamed dishes, vinegared dishes, or dressed dishes generally served as side dishes, or foods prepared by combining these dishes with food generally considered staples such as cooked rice, and excluding businesses that fall under items (xv), (xvi), or (xxii), or items (xxvi) through (xxviii));
- (xxvi) complex daily food dish producing businesses (meaning businesses that, together with the businesses provided in the preceding item, conduct slaughtering operations relating to the

businesses provided in item (ix) (limited to when efforts are made to control processes that are particularly important to prevent food sanitation hazards as provided in Article 51, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "controlling critical processes" in this item); the same applies to item (xxviii)) or produce food relating to the businesses provided in items (xi), (xvi) (excluding businesses relating to the production of fish jelly products (including fish meat ham, fish meat sausage, whale meat bacon, and other items similar thereto); the same applies to item (xxviii)), or (xxiv) (limited to the case of controlling critical processes; the same applies to item (xxviii)));

(xxvii) frozen food producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce food relating to the businesses provided in item (xxv) and use the produced food to produce frozen foods, and excluding businesses that fall under the following item);

(xxviii) complex frozen food producing businesses (meaning businesses that, together with the businesses provided in the preceding item, conduct slaughtering operations relating to the businesses provided in item (ix), or businesses that produce food (limited to frozen food) relating to the businesses provided in items (xi), (xvi), or (xxiv));

(xxix) pickle producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce pickles or businesses that produce, together with pickles, foods made primarily from pickles);

(xxx) sealed packaging food producing businesses (meaning businesses (excluding those that fall under any of the preceding items) that produce sealed packaging food (meaning food sealed in containers and packaging such as retort-pouch food, canned food, and bottled food) that does not require freezing or refrigeration for preservation (excluding foods for which there is clearly no risk that anaerobic bacteria forming heat-resistant spores, such as *Clostridium botulinum*, will grow when preserved by a method other than freezing or refrigeration and that are specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare));

(xxxi) food packaging businesses (meaning businesses that solely divide into smaller portions the food produced by businesses falling under items (xi), (xiii) (limited to businesses relating to the production of solid products), (xv), (xvi), (xix), or (xx), or items (xxii) through (xxix), and pack or wrap those portions in containers and packaging);

(xxxii) additive producing businesses (meaning businesses that produce (including packaging) the additives for which standards have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, paragraph (1) of the Act).