



Travel down this infographic to understand the key operational characteristics of the new food and beverage classifications.

Before we hit the road to review the new food and beverage classifications let's review additional changes that were made to the USRP's definition of hot food.

Definition of Hot Food Items

Include:

- Foods served hot for consumption by the walk-in trade
- Foods that are cooked to order from a raw or partially cooked state to a safe consumable minimum internal temperature using cooking equipment such as deep fryers, ovens, stovetops, griddles, barbeques, grills, hot plates and pressure or steam cookers
- Foods that are cooked in advance and served from a warming tray or similar device



Classification 9080 Restaurants – full service

Prepares and serves hot and cold food for consumption by the walk-in trade on or away from the premises

- May pour and serve alcoholic beverages

Provides full table service including:

- Taking or receiving orders at tables
- Serving food or beverages
- Collecting payment upon completion of meal service
- Greeting customers and managing reservations
- Seating customers at tables
- Clearing tables

Classification 9083 Restaurants – fast food or fast casual

Prepares and serves hot and cold food for consumption by the walk-in trade on or away from the premises

- May pour and serve alcoholic beverages
- Customers pay at the time of order
- Customers place orders at counter, drive through window, kiosk or web-based application
- Customers seat themselves

Refer to Classification 8078(1), *Sandwich Shops*, for the preparation, serving or sale of only cold food items such as sandwiches, wraps or salads that are prepared for consumption by the walk-in trade

Classification 9084 Bars or Taverns – not restaurants

Operates a bar, tavern, lounge or nightclub

- Prepares, pours and serves alcoholic beverages
- Maintains California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license type 42, 48 or 61
- May but are not required to prepare or serve food
- Minors are not allowed on premises

Operates a beer tasting room or taproom

- Pours and serves beer
- Operates under a license issued by the ABC
- Does not operate a restaurant
- Minors may be allowed on premises

Classification 9081(1) Restaurants – N.O.C.

Prepares and serves hot and cold food and may pour and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption by the walk-in trade on or away from the premises, and that are not more specifically described by another Food and Beverage Service Industry Group classification, such as:

- Hot food departments within Grocery Stores
- Mobile hot food vending operations – food trucks, trailers, carts or temporary booths
- Doughnut shops that prepare and serve doughnuts and beverages or food for consumption on the premises
- Food or beverage operations conducted by amusement, recreational or athletic facilities

Classification 9058 Hotels, Motels or Short-Term Residential Housing – food or beverage employees

Operates a hotel and maintains employees engaged exclusively in:

- Preparing or serving food or beverages in connection with restaurants, bars or taverns
- Setting up food or beverages in connection with continental breakfasts
- Preparing or serving sandwiches, beverages or ice cream
- Providing room service
- Restocking in-room refrigerators
- On-site catering

Companion classification to Classification 9050, *Hotels, Motels or Short-Term Residential Housing* – all employees other than employees engaged exclusively in food or beverage operations

Classification 9082 Caterers – not restaurants

Exclusively prepares, delivers and sets up or serves hot and cold food at customer-specified locations

- Does not maintain a location for customers to dine in or consume food or beverages
- Typically prepares large quantities of food in advance
- Keeps warm and serves from a warming tray or similar device or reheats and serves hot
- Does not prepare individually ordered meals

Food Manufacturing or Processing

Employers that do not operate restaurants but manufacture or process individually packaged meals or salads that are not cooked to order, kept warm or served hot to the walk-in trade are classified as 6504, *Food Products Mfg. or Processing*.



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Footnotes

Prior to September 1, 2024, Classification 9079 consists of two alternate phraseologies (or suffixes): 9079(1), *Restaurants or Taverns* – all employees – including musicians and entertainers, and 9079(2), *Concessionaires* – dispensing food and beverage items at ball parks, racetracks, theaters, concert venues and amusement and recreational facilities.

Effective September 1, 2024:

- Classification 9079(1), *Restaurants or Taverns*, will be eliminated and divided into 6 new classifications. Operations will remain assignable to Classification 9079(1) until they are covered under a policy inception on or after September 1, 2024.
- For consistency, Classification 9079(2), *Concessionaires*, will be amended to 9081(2), *Concessionaires*.

For now, these new food and beverage classifications will be combined for ratemaking and will have the same advisory pure premium rate until further research and analysis of payroll and claims is conducted in 2026 and beyond.