
Exemption from fees for educational institutions

Who can be exempted from the fees?

Educational institutions providing food service to those attending, working in or visiting. This applies to both, in-house services and out-sourced caterers who are contracted by the educational institution.

Note: International, national or local private brand restaurants leasing space or otherwise operating on a campus or other education institution site are not exempted from annual fees and royalties under this policy. See [here](#) for more information on fees.

Definitions

- **Educational institutions:** Those establishments whose primary objective is education, public or private, including: nursery, primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, skill schools and other learning institutions.
- **Food service:** Any meal, snack or food item that is prepared and served outside of the home
- **Caterer:** Catering business engaged through a tender process by another organisation to provide foodservice to that organisation's staff, students or visitors.

Additional requirements

- All foodservice operations must have a valid MSC **Chain of Custody certificate** in place.
- All foodservice operations must sign a **licence** prior to using the MSC ecolabel and make a written request asking for exemption from fees. They must be able to demonstrate their status as an educational institution through their mission statement or other records.

Note: The MSC's Licensing Team retains the right to determine whether a particular entity meets the category or other requirements for this exemption.

- All applicable MSC policies, procedures and methodologies remain in effect - generally and for use of the ecolabel specifically. All graphical requirements for the use of the MSC ecolabel can be found in the [Ecolabel User Guide](#).