

FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISOR

In effect since 2008, a requirement exists under the Food Act for Food Safety Supervisors (FSS) to be nominated in all registered food businesses in Queensland. Local councils are the regulatory authority and require nomination of a qualified FSS upon annual license renewal. Proof of qualification is necessary (typically an attached photocopy).

- Q. What is the criterion to 'qualify' as a FSS?
- A. Queensland Health has determined that a nominated FSS in the hospitality industry will have achieved the following two nationally recognised training competencies:
- » **SITXOHS002A** (formerly THHGHS01B) – **Follow workplace hygiene procedures.**
 - » **SITXFSA001A** (formerly THHBCC11B) – **Implement food safety procedures.**
- Q. How can these competencies be achieved?
- A. There are three ways of achieving these competencies:
- » By already possessing a Qualification/Certificate/Statement of Attainment that identifies the holder as achieving these competencies i.e. contemporary trade certificates should, amongst others, list these two competencies, or
 - » By undertaking a training course i.e. a dedicated Food Safety Supervisor Course, or
 - » By recognising previous skills and experience (recognition of prior learning – RPL).
- Q. Who provides the training courses and assesses the RPL?
- A. Registered Training Organisations (RTO's) such as the QHA, TAFE or private training providers.
- Q. Is there a dedicated FSS course?
- A1. The QHA have partnered with the TAFE – Southbank Institute of Technology, and offer an **ONLINE Food Safety Supervisor** course, which includes assessment components, for remote or more convenient 24 hour access.
- Q. How do I go about achieving the competencies via RPL?
- A. Queensland Health have developed a template for RPL applications. RPL is a matter of proving previous skills and experience. You will have to provide evidence (i.e. qualifications, trade certificates, courses completed, previous experience etc) that the nominated person meets the FSS criteria. The RTO (in this case the TAFE) assesses each application on its own merits and provides a Statement of Attainment or similar if satisfied.
- Q. How long do I have once I register for the course?
- A. One month after completing the online TAFE enrolment. You can access the course as you please and do as much or as little as you wish until you finish. There is about eight hours worth of training to undertake. For more information go to:
- www.qha.org.au/content/WH_S OnlineFoodSafetySupervisor.asp

