

# Food for Life Catering Mark and Supplier Scheme

## *Bringing caterers and suppliers together*

### What is the Food for Life Catering Mark?



The Soil Association's **Food for Life Catering Mark** provides an independent endorsement that caterers are taking steps to improve the food they serve, using fresh ingredients which are free from undesirable additives and GM, and better for animal welfare. The Bronze, Silver and Gold tiers recognise menus which use seasonal, local, organic and free range ingredients.

As people become more concerned about where their food comes from, particularly when eating outside of the home, the Catering Mark has become a **symbol of trust across public and private sector catering**.

**ORGANIC**seasonal  
**traceable**healthy  
**LOCAL**free range  
**SUSTAINABLE** **FRESH**

### What is the Catering Mark Supplier Scheme?

The Catering Mark Supplier Scheme is for wholesalers, ingredient suppliers, producers and distributors of food for the catering industry.



SUPPLIER MEMBER

The Supplier Scheme helps to link Catering Mark holders with suppliers who have the products they need.

**There is increasing demand from Catering Mark holders for products which meet the standards.**

Supplier Membership shows your catering customers that:

- You have a full understanding of the Food for Life Catering Mark Standards
- You can provide products that meet these Standards
- You are committed to supporting Catering Mark customers and their supply chain needs



Free Range



"We place the utmost importance on our choice of suppliers. Relying on suppliers with the same ethics is crucial; it takes trust and understanding to know our requirements will be met"

Paul Rogers, Alliance in Partnership



"The Catering Mark Supplier Scheme is a great opportunity to bring caterers and suppliers closer together"

Mark Davies,  
ISS Education

## Benefits of Supplier Membership

- Reach new customers and grow your business
- Align yourself with a rapidly growing best-practice scheme
- Helps your customers meet their social responsibility targets
- Gain recognition for your great work
- Use of the Food for Life Supplier Member logo on marketing materials and websites
- Listing on the Soil Association website as a Supplier Member
- Opportunity to feedback on consultations and scheme developments

## What are the requirements?

### Supplier Members must:

- Read and understand the Catering Mark Standards
- Provide (at least one) product(s) which meet these Standards
- Support Catering Mark customers with their supply chain and provide relevant information for their inspections
- Sign an agreement covering use of Soil Association trademarks
- Provide a named contact within your business, who will take responsibility for your membership

## Application and annual membership fees

- Membership costs £995 plus VAT per year
- Membership is available free of charge to all Soil Association organic licensees
- To apply please call **0117 914 2406** or email [erose@soilassociation.org](mailto:erose@soilassociation.org)
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