



## **UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS GUIDE**

We look forward to working with you and want to make the process as simple as possible. Please read this guide carefully and feel free to contact us with questions at 541-956-7400 or email Kenny Houck at [khouck@rogucecc.edu](mailto:khouck@rogucecc.edu).

### **Kitchen Use Requirements:**

You must submit each of the following items to use the shared kitchen at the Illinois Valley Business Entrepreneurial Center (IVBEC):

- Completed ECC application
- Applicable business licensing, permits and registration
- Oregon Food Handler's Card for all personnel
- Insurance policy listing Rogue Community College as additional insured
- Signed RCC Facility User Agreement (has read RCC Facility Use Guidelines)

### **Oregon Food Handler Card:**

RCC IVBEC requires a food handler's card to begin work. The cost of the card is \$10.00 and the card is valid for three years. If you have a valid food manager training certificate, it is accepted in lieu of a food handler card. Food handler cards issued in other states are not valid in Oregon.

#### ***How can I get a card?***

You must pass a food handlers exam. You may take the class online at the following link: [http://www.orfoodhandlers.com/contentGen.aspx?PageName=FoodHandlers\\_Gen&County=Josephine](http://www.orfoodhandlers.com/contentGen.aspx?PageName=FoodHandlers_Gen&County=Josephine).

The exam is available in English and Spanish.

## **Licensing**

The State of Oregon does not have a general business license. However, many occupations and business activities require special licenses, permits, or certifications from state agencies or boards. The State of Oregon offers a searchable online License Directory containing information on how to acquire a license, registration, certification, or permit. This is a comprehensive directory of over 1,100 licenses, permits, registrations, and certifications. In addition, the

Business Information Center's "Business Wizard" provides information on state and local license requirements based on business activity, and location. These online services are available at:

<https://apps.oregon.gov/SOS/LicenseDirectory/>

<http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/oregon-business-wizard.aspx>

Cities and counties may require a license for businesses operating within their jurisdictions. If your business is located within the city limits, check with your city offices to see if a local business license is required. If there is no specific listing for business licenses, the city hall information number is an appropriate initial contact.

## **Liability Insurance**

Submit proof of liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 with "Rogue Community College" named as additional insured. This should be available for most small businesses for less than \$500 a year.

## **Commercial Kitchen License**

RCC IVBEC Kitchen carries a restaurant license. This allows certain foods to be prepared in this kitchen. Renters of the kitchen need to comply with all policies and procedures. Our license does not cover meat, dairy, alcoholic beverages or acidified foods. Special requirements must be met before processing low acid canned foods (LACF), acidified foods, products under seafood HACCP and products under juice HACCP. If a client wishes to process an LACF or an acidified food, we recommend the client attend a Better Processing School and have their process reviewed and approved by a process authority. Please visit the following link for further licensing information:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/FSLicensing/Pages/ProcessingWarehouse.aspx>



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For more information on Better Processing Schools or to find a process authority for your LACF or acidified food product, contact:

Oregon State University food sciences extension program  
Washington State University food science  
Chapman University -Orange, CA courses in English and Spanish  
New Mexico State University - Las Cruces, NM courses in English and Spanish

In order to sell foods that have been prepared at our facility, a license from the responsible authority is needed. There are 2 main authorities for food production; the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Josephine County Health Department.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is responsible for the regulation of production, processing, and distribution of food products. They offer licenses for the following types of food production; Retail – sales of packaged foods or bulk foods, Bakery – Bread, rolls, cakes, pies, doughnuts, cookies, biscuits, crackers, and all similar goods.

The Josephine County Health Department regulates the production of foods that are sold for immediate consumption. Examples of these foods productions are; Catering – preparation of ready-to-eat foods at a designated location and transported to another location for a private event, Temporary Food Service – ready-to-eat foods prepared at a designated site and transported to a public event such as a fair, growers market or other community event.

If you plan to provide foods in any of the capacities mentioned, you will need to contact the responsible authority for the required license.

### **Business Insurance**

In addition to liability insurance, we encourage you to seek additional protection with product liability insurance. This protects your business against claims of injury due to your product specifically. If you have business assets, you may also seek property insurance to protect them against theft or damage.

#### ***How General Liability Works***

Covered liability claims include bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, and advertising injury. The insurance company also covers compensatory and general damages. General liability insurance policies always state a maximum amount that the insurer will pay during the policy period. For example, if a company has a \$1 million occurrence cap in its liability policy and it is successfully sued for \$1.5 million, the insurer would pay \$1 million and the business would be responsible for paying \$500,000. To cover these types of situations, many companies purchase umbrella liability insurance, which picks up where their general liability coverage ends.



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***Obtaining a quote***

Your insurance agent may be able to provide the lowest rates and best service because they are familiar with your operation and currently hold your other policies.

Prior to speaking with an agent you should be prepared to answer detailed questions about your business. You should have the following information at hand:

- Description of the business location (Illinois Valley Learning Center, Kerby Belt Building, 24343 Redwood Highway, P.O. Box 1824, Kerby, OR 97531-9722)
- Annual sales and payroll data (you will have to forecast this for a new business)
- List of employees with a breakdown of full time, part time and contractors if applicable
- Details surrounding the products and equipment you handle
- Social Security or Federal Tax ID number (EIN) for credit check purposes

**General Food Labeling Requirements**

Food labeling is regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and dictates the type of information that must be on the label and where the label can be placed on the package. Refer to the following link for additional information:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064866.htm>

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