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Is There a Free FSA App for Food Businesses?

Many owners search for a free FSA app to replace the paper diary. Here is what the Food Standards Agency actually provides, what it does not, and how to judge an independent app before you trust it with your records.

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> **The short answer**
> When we reviewed the FSA's guidance in November 2026, it did not offer an app for recording a food business's daily checks. Its free tools are guidance packs such as Safer Food, Better Business (SFBB) and Safe Catering, the MyHACCP web tool and online allergy training. You can keep records on paper or electronically, including in an independent app — but you do not need an app to comply.

SFBB is published by the FSA for England and Wales, and Safe Catering for Northern Ireland. In Scotland, Food Standards Scotland publishes CookSafe. This is general operational guidance, not legal advice or a guarantee of an inspection outcome.

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What the FSA offers for free

The free official tools help you set up and document your food safety system. They are guidance and templates, not a service that stores or checks your daily records for you.

Free official food safety tools (reviewed November 2026)

Tool	What it is	Mainly for	Where it applies
Safer Food, Better Business (SFBB)	Downloadable pack of safe methods and a diary, based on HACCP principles	Small caterers and retailers	England and Wales
Safe Catering	Pack to help caterers build a HACCP-based system	Caterers	Northern Ireland
MyHACCP	Free web tool that guides you through writing a HACCP-based food safety management system	Small food manufacturers	UK
Food allergy and intolerance training	Online course with six modules and assessments; the FSA says completion is not an accreditation	Enforcement officers, open to businesses	Online
CookSafe (Food Standards Scotland)	HACCP-based manual for catering businesses	Caterers	Scotland

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Why searching for an 'FSA app' gets confusing

Several independent apps are built around the SFBB pack. SFBB material is Crown copyright and can be reused under the Open Government Licence, so an app can include it without being an FSA product. Responsible developers say clearly that they are not affiliated with or endorsed by the FSA.

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We are not aware of any FSA scheme that approves or certifies food safety record apps. If an app describes itself as 'FSA approved', ask the developer to show you where the FSA says so. Hygiene rating stickers are issued by your local council after an inspection, never by an app.

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Paper or digital: both can work

The FSA's SFBB guidance allows completed diary pages to be kept electronically or as printed copies. The law cares about the system rather than the format: suitable procedures based on HACCP principles, followed every day, with records that show it.

Free paper packs suit some businesses perfectly. Others find the diary falls behind on busy shifts, pages go missing, or it is hard to see what was checked at another site. That is usually the point where an app starts to save time.

> **In practice:** Start with the free official pack to understand what your system needs. Then decide whether paper or an app is the better way for your team to keep it up.

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How to judge an independent food safety app

Free or paid, an app holds evidence you may need to show an inspector. Check these points during any trial:

- It covers your safe methods and procedures, not just temperature readings.
- Every entry shows who made it and when, and records cannot be quietly changed afterwards.
- Checks are prompted at the right times, and missed checks are easy to spot.
- It keeps working when the kitchen has no signal and syncs later.
- You can download clear reports or give an inspector read-only access quickly.
- Pricing, the trial and what happens to your data if you leave are clear.
- It is honest about not being an official FSA product.

Common questions

Is the Safer Food, Better Business pack free?
Yes. The FSA publishes SFBB for free on its website for businesses in England and Wales. Northern Ireland's Safe Catering and Scotland's CookSafe are also free.

Do I need an app to comply with food hygiene law?
No. You need suitable food safety management procedures based on HACCP principles, and records showing they are followed. Paper and electronic records can both meet this.

Where can I check a business's food hygiene rating?
Ratings for England, Wales and Northern Ireland are published on the FSA's food hygiene ratings website. Scotland's results are published under the Food Hygiene Information Scheme.

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Is LogYou an FSA app?
No. LogYou is an independent application. It is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or part of the Food Standards Agency, and it does not issue food hygiene ratings. You can try it free for 7 days; after that it is a paid subscription.

Official sources

- FSA: Safer Food, Better Business (SFBB)
- FSA: Safe Catering (Northern Ireland)
- FSA: MyHACCP free web tool
- FSA: Food allergy and intolerance online training
- Food Standards Scotland: CookSafe
- GOV.UK: Food safety management systems

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

LogYou is an independent app that takes the daily work of a system like SFBB off paper: opening and closing checks, temperatures, cleaning, deliveries, allergens, safe methods and staff training, with named, time-stamped entries and photo proof. Reports download in a tap, and EHO Mode gives an inspector read-only access. Try it free for 7 days; after that it is a paid subscription.

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