

Frequently asked Questions Borough Market New Trader Applications

I would like to become a Borough Market trader. How do I go about this?

All prospective Borough Market Traders go through a stringent assessment process before being invited to join the Market. This is to ensure high standards of provenance and quality are retained in the offerings available to the customer, and that all traders adhere to Borough Market's principles.

The first stage of the application process is to complete a [New Trader application form](#) . This form should be returned to newtraderapplications@boroughmarket.org.uk

Receipt will be confirmed and, if your products are of interest, you will be invited to attend an interview. If your interview is successful, you will be asked to submit products to an independent Food Quality Panel for tasting. If your products pass this you will then be invited to join the Market once space is available.

This process can take several months because of the demand for pitches.

I would like to trade just one or two days a week/alternate weeks/one or two weekends a month. Is this possible?

Unfortunately not, unless you have a seasonal product or a very specific justification, in which case please provide us with details. All new Traders are expected to commit to trading Thursday to Saturday, every week.

Can I sell non-food products in the market?

No, Borough Market is solely a food Market. You may notice that there are two non-food stalls in the Market, however these have been in attendance for many years, before the current regulations were put in place.

How much does it cost to have a stall at Borough Market?

Please see details on the front of the application form, which can be accessed [here](#).

Do you supply the stall or any other equipment?

Traders are expected to provide their own stall and equipment. Borough Market provides an umbrella canopy and power supply. The Trader must provide their own commando socket connection which should be PAT tested.

Does Borough Market provide storage for traders?

Limited storage is available. This should be discussed with the Operations Team if you are invited to join the Market.



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Are there any licensing requirements which traders must adhere to once they have been accepted as a Borough Market Trader?

Every food business operator trading within the London Borough of Southwark is obliged under Article 6 Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 to register their establishment with the food team of Southwark Council. Registration is free and can be carried out by completing a form, which is available by contacting Southwark Council on 020 7525 2000 or via their website [Register A Food Business](#)

This form should then be returned to Food/Health and Safety Unit, London Borough of Southwark, Chaplin Centre, Thurlow Street, London, SE17 2DF.

If you are looking to sell alcohol in the Market you will need to apply for licence to do so. To apply for a licence, please contact the Southwark Council licensing service on 020 7525 5748 or licensing@southwark.gov.uk

All traders will need to take into account when selling foodstuffs that they must comply with all statutory food hygiene regulations in force at any time.