

15A NCAC 18A .1304 INSPECTIONS

- (a) Institutions shall be graded once each six months and food services at institutions that prepare and serve meals to 13 or more patients or residents shall be inspected at least once each quarter.
- (b) The grading of institutions shall be done on inspection forms furnished by the Department to local health departments. The form shall include the following information:
- (1) the name and address of the facility;
 - (2) the name of the person in charge of the facility;
 - (3) the standards of construction and operation as listed in .1309 - .1324 of this Section;
 - (4) the score; and
 - (5) the signature of the authorized agent of the Department.
- (c) Whether or not a permit is required under G.S. 130A-248, inspections of food preparation and central dining areas in institutions serving meals to 13 or more patients or residents shall be documented separately using the inspection forms and grading system used for grading restaurants as specified in current "Rules Governing the Sanitation of Restaurants and Other Foodhandling Establishments" 15A NCAC 18A .2600. When grading the food preparation and central dining areas of institutional food services that are not required to obtain a permit under G.S. 130A-248, the provisions of Rule .1323(d) of this Section shall supercede the provisions of Rule 15A NCAC 18A .2610(e) regarding animals in dining areas. Except as required by G.S. 130A-247 through 250, food services at institutions shall not be required to obtain foodhandling establishment permits. Facilities that the "Rules Governing the Sanitation of Restaurants and Other Foodhandling Establishments" are made effective by the rules of this Section that were in operation before March 1, 2003 may continue to use equipment and construction in use on that date if no imminent hazard exists. Points shall not be deducted from the food service sanitation score for existing equipment that is kept clean and performs the task for which it is used. Replacement equipment for these facilities shall comply with 15A NCAC 18A .2600.

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