

Meal Plan Waiver

Texas A & M University-Corpus Christ requires all students living in Miramar resident village to participate in a meal plan. We understand instances where students may require alternative meal options. The food services team is available to assist individuals with planning menus that address special dietary needs (i.e., students preferring vegetarian/vegan/religious dietary restrictions). During the waiver process, the meal plan will remain active and may be used by the students. The student will be charged the appropriate rate for usage of meal swipes and dining dollars.

An incomplete request will not be reviewed for consideration. All aspects of the process must be completed for full consideration. Students are not guaranteed an exemption for the meal plan requirement. For more information about dining plans and their costs, visit [Islander Dining | Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi \(tamucc.edu\)](#).

Important

A Meal Plan Waiver Request is due no later than the 12th day from the first day of class. Waivers submitted after the 12th will be denied. Issues arising mid-semester will be addressed on an individual basis. All correspondence related to the Meal Plan Waiver Request will be communicated through the student's islander email address. (XXXXXXXXXX@islander.tamucc.edu). SandDollar Services can assist you with any questions.

Meal Plans are billed to a student's SAIL account while the request is being reviewed. If the meal plan waiver is granted, the student's account will be adjusted based on the decision. If a waiver is approved, any usage of meal swipes or dining dollars will be reflected on the student's account.

A meal plan waiver will not be granted solely based on a student's status as a vegetarian/vegan or that foodservice does not meet a student's personal food preference. Vegetarian/Vegan dietary requirements are carefully considered by our chefs in the menu and recipe planning and offered at each meal.

TAMU-CC/Chartwells provides meal options for students on special diets and food allergies (including gluten and dairy). If it is found that TAMU-CC/Chartwells CAN meet the student's dietary restrictions, a meal waiver will not be approved. The student will be required to meet with Chartwells General Manager or their representative to determine an appropriate menu.

Financial hardships are not typically considered a valid reason for the meal plan waiver. Students are encouraged to contact Financial Aid at (361) 825-2600 for assistance. Failure to utilize the dining program, class schedule, sports schedule, employment schedules are also not viable reasons for exemption from the meal plan requirement.

A reduction/exemption from the meal plan cannot be guaranteed. All deadlines must be met for an appropriate and timely decision.

1. Medical Dietary Restrictions

This exemption type is considered for students with a documented medical disability(ies) that drastically affect the student's ability to eat from on-campus food locations and requires accommodations that the University cannot provide.

- a. Submit the *Request for Meal Plan Waiver*.
- b. *Documentation from a healthcare provider* is required.
- c. The student is responsible for ensuring the healthcare provider submits all documentation to University Services. The letter must contain the name of the student and medical condition. Documentation must be sent directly from the healthcare provider and sent to:

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
University Services
Meal Plan Waiver, Director
University.services@tamucc.edu
6300 Ocean Drive Unit 5734
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

- d. A medical waiver will not be approved without detailed healthcare documentation sent from the healthcare provider. The healthcare provider's documentation must provide enough detail to allow the University to make an independent judgment on the request. The medical provider's area of specialty should coincide with the student's medical request.

2. Religious Dietary Restrictions

This exemption type is considered for students committed to practicing a religion that requires a restricted diet. Students applying for meal plan waiver regarding Religious Dietary Observance must do the following:

- a. Submit the *Request for Meal Plan Waiver*
- b. *Documentation from religious official* is required.
- c. The student is responsible for ensuring the religious official submits all documentation to University Services. The letter must contain the name of the student, religious affiliation, and specific religious dietary needs. Documentation must be sent directly from the healthcare provider and sent to:

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
University Services
Meal Plan Waiver, Director
university.services@tamucc.edu
6300 Ocean Drive Unit 5734
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Appeal Process

Students wishing to appeal the decision must submit a written appeal to the Director of University Services within five (5) business days after the original decision notification via email university.services@tamucc.edu.

The Director will review the appeal with the Meal Plan Waiver Committee and respond in writing. The decision will be final.

Appeal Committee

- Director of University Services
- Dining Program General Manager
- If necessary, a dietary nutritionist.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI
REQUEST FOR MEAL PLAN WAIVER**

Semester: () FALL 20____ () SPRING 20____

STUDENT'S FULL NAME:	A#
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT PHONE#:	ISLANDER EMAIL:
() APARTMENT (Beach 160)	() RESIDENT HALL (Island 200)

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form and return along with written documentation as outlined above.

FORM WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION.

RETURN TO: University Services; 6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5734; Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5734

Please choose one of the following:

- () **MEDICAL:** This exemption type is considered for students with a documented medical disability(ies) that drastically affect the student's ability to eat from on-campus food locations and requires accommodations that the University cannot provide. A medical waiver will not be approved without detailed healthcare documentation sent from the healthcare provider.

- () **RELIGIOUS:** This exemption type is considered for students committed to practicing a religion that requires a restricted diet.

- () **OTHER:** Provide a detailed letter of explanation and documentation for your request.

I have read the conditions of the Meal Plan Waiver Request Form on Page 2 below and have attached the required documentation.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Received:

() **Approved** () **Not Approved**

Reviewed By: _____

Student Notified by Mail: _____