

Accommodation Request Procedures for Meal Plan Requirement

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), University of New Orleans has established procedures to ensure that students with documented disabilities have access to reasonable on-campus meal plan (dining) accommodations. **According to the ADA, a disability is defined as any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits the individual in a major life activity compared to the average person. There must also be a legitimate connection between the disability and the requested accommodation.**

All students living on campus are required to purchase a university meal plan. Occasionally students have special needs based on documented health conditions, such as those resulting in certain dietary restrictions, which may necessitate a meal plan accommodation. Meal plan accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, according to documented need, and applicable standards for reasonable accommodations. Students must follow these procedures and provide all the required information in order to be considered for meal plan disability accommodations. Students must complete and submit the Student Application for Meal Plan Accommodation and have their medical professional fill out the Medical Professional Meal Plan Documentation form and have the medical professional submit to the office.

University of New Orleans (ARAMARK®) Dining Services offers many dining options capable of accommodating different dietary needs, including student specific meal preparation for allergies, in addition to a wide array of healthy eating choices. A complete exemption from participation in the meal plan is rare and will only be considered when needs cannot be accommodated by UNO's Dining Services.

Students should allow adequate time for application review and accommodation considerations.

A meal plan accommodation review can take 2-4 weeks.