

**WAC 296-17A-3909 Classification 3909.**

**3909-00 Caterers**

**Applies to:**

• Businesses engaged in catering operations that prepare and serve food and beverages for customers for social and business events such as weddings, parties, bar mitzvahs, meetings or banquets. Foods prepared and served range from deli trays, sandwiches, box lunches, and buffets, to full meals. The food may be prepared at the caterer's own facility and delivered to the customer's location or may be prepared at the customer's location.

**Work activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Planning event;
- Arranging tables;
- Decorating;
- Supplying utensils and dishes;
- Bartending;
- Waiting and busing tables; and
- Taking care of leftover food and related clean-up after the event.

**Also included are:**

- Businesses catering to airlines which involves preparing various foods and direct delivery to the airline with special trucks that maintain hot or cold foods; and

- Businesses providing mobile food services, such as the nationwide federally supported Meals on Wheels program. Services are provided by communities or civic/social organizations to local residents who, because of physical disability or age, are unable to prepare their own food. The food is prepared and delivered to the client's home.

**Note:** Delivery by employees is included in classification 3909.

**Exclusions:**

- Food truck businesses classified in 3905-01; and
- Route food service businesses selling prepackaged food on a route, which is classified in classification 1101-21.

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