

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Point Deduction Modifications to the Food Official Inspection Report

The Food Official Inspection Report (FOIR) has been modified to include new point deductions. Due to the increased risk to the public’s health and safety associated with multiple Major Critical Risk Violations and specific closure violations, additional points will now be deducted from the food facility’s inspection score.

1. When was the FOIR point deduction modification implemented?

The point deduction modification was implemented July 2016. There will be a six month ‘grace’ period to inform the restaurant and food market industry and operators of this change. Full implementation of the point deductions will begin January 1, 2017.

2. What is a Major Critical Risk Violation?

A Major Critical Risk Violation poses an imminent health hazard that requires immediate correction and may require a food facility’s permit to be suspended. Major Critical Risk Violations are those listed on the left (red-shaded) side of the inspection report and identified by the “4” under the “Maj” column.

3. What are some examples of a Major Critical Risk Violation?

Major Critical Risk Violations include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Food employee hands not clean / properly washed
- ◆ Improper hot and cold holding food temperatures
- ◆ Food not from an approved source
- ◆ Food-contact surfaces not clean and sanitized
- ◆ Improper cooking temperature

4. How was the FOIR point deduction modified?

When a Major Critical Risk Violation is marked on the FOIR, four points are deducted from the inspection score. With the point deduction modification, in addition to the four point deduction, additional points will be deducted (a) for two or more Major Critical Risk Violations and/or (b) for specific closure violations:

(a) Two or more Major Critical Risk Violations

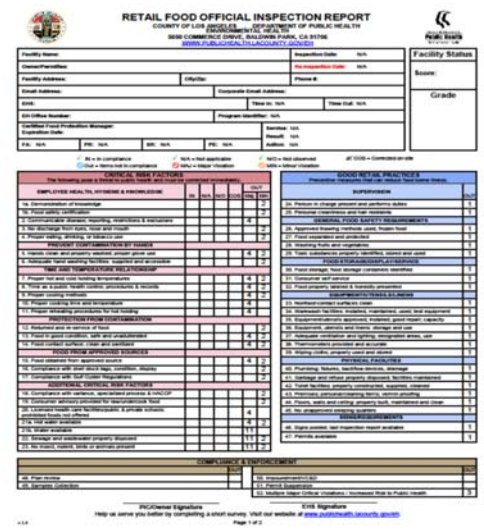
If two or more Major Critical Risk Violations are marked on the FOIR, an additional three points will be deducted from the inspection score. This is reflected in #52 of the FOIR.

Example 1: Two Major Critical Risk Violations

MAJOR CRITICAL RISK VIOLATION	POINT DEDUCTION
#5 Hands clean and properly washed; proper glove use	4 points
#7 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	4 points
#52 Multiple Major Critical Risk Violations/ Increased Risk to Public Health	3 points
TOTAL POINTS DEDUCTED	11 points

(b) Specific Closure Violations—No Water Available, Sewage and/or Vermin Infestation

When a restaurant or market is closed for no water, sewage and/or vermin infestation, four points are deducted from the inspection score for each of these Major Critical Risk Violations. With the point deduction modification, if a



(b) Specific Closure Violations—No Water Available, Sewage and/or Vermin Infestation (Continued)

restaurant’s or market’s permit is suspended for No Water Available, Sewage, and/or Vermin Infestation, in addition to the four-point deduction for Major Critical Risk Violations, an additional seven points will be deducted for each of the above three specified closure violations. The FOIR reflects an 11-point deduction for each of these closure violations.

Example 2: Permit suspended for one of the three specified closure violations.

MAJOR CRITICAL RISK VIOLATION	POINT DEDUCTION
#21 b. Water available	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
TOTAL POINTS DEDUCTED	11 points

Example 3: Permit suspended for all three specified closure violations.

MAJOR CRITICAL RISK VIOLATION	POINT DEDUCTION
#21 b. Water available	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
#22. Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
#23. No insects, rodents, birds or animals present	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
TOTAL POINTS DEDUCTED	33 points

If a food facility’s permit is suspended for No Water Available, Sewage, and/or Vermin Infestation AND two or more additional Major Critical Risk Violations are marked, an additional seven (7) points will be deducted for each of the three specified closure types marked. The 3-point deduction for the two or more Major Critical Risk Violations (#52 on the FOIR) will not be marked.

Example 4: Permit suspended for two of the three specified closure types and two Major Critical Risk Violations.

MAJOR CRITICAL RISK VIOLATION	POINT DEDUCTION
#10. Proper cooking time and temperature	4 points
#13. Food in good condition, safe and unadulterated	4 points
#21 b. Water available	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
#23. No insects, rodents, birds or animals present	4 points
<i>Additional point deduction for specified permit suspension violations</i>	7 points
TOTAL POINTS DEDUCTED	30 points

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