

# Permitted food, drinks and condiments list for meal inspirations

There are additional low calorie foods allowed whilst following the OPTIFAST VLCD Program, which can add variety to your meals and assist in compliance.

See below for a list of the additional allowances permitted during the OPTIFAST VLCD Program.



### Low Starch Vegetables

The recommended allowed vegetables on the OPTIFAST VLCD Program are low starch or low carbohydrates and also low calorie. The table below lists what vegetables are recommended whilst on the OPTIFAST VLCD Program. The OPTIFAST VLCD Program calls for at least 2 cups a day of allowed vegetables, but increasing that quantity makes little difference to your weight loss as long as you are sticking to the list of recommended allowable vegetables.

| Allowed  |   |  |  | Avoid  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Low starch vegetables  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alfalfa sprouts Asparagus Bean Sprouts Beetroot (30-40g) Bok Choy Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage Capsicum | Carrots (30-40g) Cauliflower Celery Cucumber Eggplant Green beans Konjac noodles (Slendier/ Slim Pasta range) | Lettuce (all types) Leeks Mushrooms Onions Radish Shallots Silver Beet | Snow peas<br>Spinach<br>Squash<br>Tomatoes<br>Watercress<br>Zucchini | Corn Green peas Legumes Lentils Potato Sweet potato Parsnip Pumpkin Turnip |  |  |  |

Visit **optifast.com.au** for some recipe inspiration, or spice up your vegetables by incorporating a permitted condiment.

#### Additional Low Energy Foods

| Allowed     | Avoid                 |  |           |                 |
|-------------|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Soups       |                       |  |           |                 |
| Stock cubes | Bonox (in moderation) | Vegetable soups made from allowed vegetables | Miso soup | All other soups |

#### Beverages

| Allowed             |  |  |             | Avoid  |
|---------------------|--|--|-------------|--|
| Low energy drinks   |  |  |             |  |
| Water<br>Soda water | Diet soft drinks<br>and cordial<br>Plain mineral water | Tea and coffee (no or 30mL skim milk and no sugar) | Herbal Teas | Fruit juice<br>Alcohol<br>Soft drinks<br>Cordial |

#### Miscellaneous

| Allowed                |  |   |  | Avoid |
|------------------------|--|---|--|-------|
| Artificial sweeteners* | Sugar free lollies<br>and gum (1-2 pieces<br>per day) <sup>†</sup> | Diet jelly (125g)<br>Flavour essences (½-1 tsp)<br>Diet topping (1-2 tsp) |  |       |

<sup>\*</sup>Excessive consumption of artificial sweeteners can cause gastro upset and should be consumed in moderation.

#### Permitted Condiments

It is important to choose condiments and flavourings which have a low carbohydrate, low calorie and low fat content. To help you, we have put together a list of suitable herbs, spices and sauces below.

| Allowed   | Avoid  |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Herbs and Spices  |  |  |   |  |
| All spice Basil Celery flakes Chilli Chives Cinnamon Cloves | Coriander Cumin Curry powder Dill Fennel Garlic Ginger | Lite salt Mint Mustard seed Nutmeg Oregano Paprika Parsley | Pepper<br>Rosemary<br>Sage<br>Thyme<br>Turmeric<br>Tarragon |  |

#### Sauces and Condiments

| Allowed   | Avoid  |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sauces and Condiments   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2 tsp/10mL Woolworths Fat Free Italian Dressing 3 tsp/15mL Praise Fat Free Italian Dressing 2 tsp/10mL Woolworths 99% Fat Free French Dressing 2 tsp/10mL Praise Fat Free French Dressing | 2 tsp/10mL Woolworths<br>99% Fat Free Italian<br>Balsamic Dressing<br>3 tsp/15mL Praise Fat<br>Free Thousand Island<br>Dressing<br>2 tsp/10mL Fountain<br>No Added Sugar<br>Tomato Sauce | 4 tsp/20mL MAGGI<br>Fish Sauce<br>4 tsp/20mL MAGGI<br>Seasoning Sauce<br>1-2 tsp/5-10mL<br>Tabasco Sauce<br>4 tsp/20mL Nandos<br>Peri Peri Hot Sauce<br>1 tsp/5g Chilli Paste<br>3 tsp/15mL Soy Sauce | 3 tsp/15mL Tomato Paste 2 tsp/10mL Masterfoods Hot Chilli Sauce 1 tsp/5g Mustard Lemon and lime juice (as required) Vinegar (as required) Worcestershire Sauce (as required) | Cream Butter sauces High calorie simmer sauces and dressings |  |  |

Nutritional information correct on 5 September 2019.



## For more information visit www.optifast.com.au



<sup>†</sup>Some diet lollies will contain calories that if consumed in large amounts may affect your weight loss.