

CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER

Introduction

California Health and Safety Code, Section 113947.1, requires at least one employee be certified as a food protection manager at every food establishment at which potentially hazardous foods are prepared, handled, or stored.

- restaurant,
- deli,
- school,
- coffee bar,
- commissary,
- mobile food facilities such as hot trucks, hotdog and coffee carts

What does the law require?

The following requirements must be met by each food facility that handles unpackaged foods.

#	Requirements
1	Employ at least one certified food protection manager.
2	A person cannot be certified for more than one location.
3	The certified food protection manager must be employed at the business, but need not be present at all times.
4	Certification must be renewed every five years.
5	The certified person will be responsible for food safety within the facility and responsible for the food safety training of all employees therein, consistent with their job.
6	The food safety certificate must be on file at all times and available for inspection.
7	A food facility that commences operation, changes ownership, or no longer has a certified employee, has 60 days to secure one.

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How to become certified

You can become certified by passing an approved and accredited food safety certification exam. The following is a list of approved accredited food safety certification exams. Certification must be renewed every five years.

Approved certification	Phone, website
National Restaurant Association ServSafe ®	(800) 765-2122 www.nraef.org
Prometric Assessments	(800) 624-2736 www.prometric.com/foodsafety
National Registry of Food Safety Professionals Certification Examination	(800) 446-0257 www.nrfsp.com
360training.com, Inc. Learn2Serve ®	(888) 395-6920 http://www.learn2serve.com/food-manager-certification/

What happens if I do not have a certified food manager?

Failure to have at least one certified person may result in loss of your Health Permit To Operate and/or other enforcement actions and possible fines.

Questions

If you need further information, please contact County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department, Environmental Health Division at (916) 875-8440.