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## California's Requirement for Food Safety Certification

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 113947.1 requires food facilities that prepare, handle, or serve non-prepackaged potentially hazardous food (PHF), except temporary food facilities, shall have at least one owner or employee who has successfully passed an examination from an accredited food protection manager certification organization. Once this person is certified, he/she is recognized as a **Certified Food Protection Manager** and the certification is valid for **5 years**. Except for the certified food manager, all other food handlers, who prepare, handle, or serve non-prepackaged PHF, are required to obtain a **food handler card**. A food handler card is valid for **3 years**. It is the duty of a certified food manager to ensure that all food handlers at the food facility have adequate food safety knowledge and training and perform their jobs pursuant to the health and safety requirements. It is also the responsibility of the certified food manager to provide continuous supervision, training and monitoring to ensure the food facility operate in a sanitary and safe manner. As a certified food manager, you can only act as the certified food manager for **one** food facility. Although you may work for more than one food facility but not in a certified food manager capacity. On the other hand, as a certified food handler, you may work for multiple food facilities. It is the responsibility of each food facility to maintain records of a certified food manager and certified food handlers throughout their employment with the food facility and provide records to the health department upon request. A food facility that starts a new operation, changes of ownership or no longer has a certified owner or employee will have **60 days** from the date of the change to comply with the certified food manager requirement. A food handler shall obtain a food handler card within **30 days** after the date of hire.

While training is not required to take the examination, many people find that training helps them pass the exam. The certification organization for a certified food manager must be accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) meeting the requirements of the Conference for Food Protection's "Standards for Accreditation of Food Protection Manager's Programs". Correspondingly, the certification organization for a certified food handler must be accredited by ANSI accredited training provider that meets International Standard Practice for Certificate Programs. Although Ventura County Environmental Health Division (EHD) does not provide certification training and testing, EHD does maintain a list of Certification Organizations and private individuals and companies who act as trainers and examination proctors for the certification examinations. This list is compiled from information given to EHD by these private individuals and companies. Please verify all information with the trainers and examination proctors when you make your reservation. The list does not act as an endorsement of any of the organizations or trainers and is maintained only as a courtesy to interested members of our community. Please make sure the examination you are given is one of those accredited by ANSI.

Most food safety providers are now providing both a certified food manager course as well as the certified food handler training course. You may find the accredited provider list through the internet link to the ANSI website.

<https://www.ansica.org/wwwversion2/outside/ALLdirectoryListing.asp?menuID=212&prgID=228&prgID1=238&status=4>

Trainers/ Exam Proctors	Certification	Exam Languages/Options	2017 Training Dates	Location
123 Premier Food Safety 800/676-3121 <a href="http://www.Premierfoodsafety.com">www.Premierfoodsafety.com</a>	NCPFM, CFSM, Servsafe	Training in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, home study, online, and private classes Exams in English, Spanish, Chinese and French	<b>English:</b> 1/24, 2/27, 3/29, 4/25, 5/22, 6/28, 7/26, 8/21, 9/19, 10/25, 11/27, 12/19	Ventura/Oxnard Pierpont Inn 550 San Jon Rd, Ventura
			<b>Chinese:</b> 1/17, 3/16, 5/16, 7/17, 9/14, 11/14	American Best Value Inn 12040 Garvey Ave, El Monte
			<b>Spanish:</b> 1/12, 2/8, 3/2, 4/4, 5/8, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/5, 10/12, 11/1, 12/4	Univ. of Phoenix (5955 De Soto Ave, Woodland Hills)
			<b>Korean:</b> 2/11, 4/22, 6/24, 8/19, 10/21, 12/16	The Standard, Los Angeles 550 South Flower St.
AAA Food Handler Training School 877/222-3487 <a href="http://www.aaafoodhandler.com">www.aaafoodhandler.com</a>	NCPFM, CFSM, Servsafe	English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese	Home study course available Private Classes available by arrangement	Camarillo, Oxnard, Ventura, Westlake Village
All Food Safety, LLC 818-636-1875 <a href="http://www.allfoodsafety.com">www.allfoodsafety.com</a>	NRFSP	English, Spanish, Chinese	Call for dates and locations	
American Food Safety Institute (AFSI) 800/723-3873 <a href="http://www.americanfoodsafety.com">www.americanfoodsafety.com</a>	NCPFM, ServSafe	English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean	Call for dates and locations	
A School for the People/ La Escuela de la Gente 888/851-3663 <a href="http://www.schoolforthepeople.com">www.schoolforthepeople.com</a>	NCPFM ServSafe	English, Spanish	Home study course available. Private classes available by arrangement	Chatsworth, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, Oxnard
A Training Company 877/227-5212 <a href="http://www.atrainingcompany.com">www.atrainingcompany.com</a>	ServSafe	English, Spanish	Call for dates and locations. Private classes available by arrangement.	
California Restaurant Association 800/765-4842 <a href="http://www.calrest.org">www.calrest.org</a>	ServSafe	English, Spanish	Call for dates and locations Private classes by arrangement	
Dynasty School 800/888-8827 <a href="http://www.dynastyschool.com">www.dynastyschool.com</a>	NCPFM	Training and exam in English, Spanish, Chinese	Monthly in Hacienda Heights	
Family Health Services 800/294-2192	NCPFM, Prometric	Training and exam: English, Spanish	Classes for 10 or more at your facility by arrangement	
Fidelity Safety & Training 866-221-4045 <a href="http://www.CalFoodManagerCard.com">www.CalFoodManagerCard.com</a>	Prometric	English, Spanish	<b>English:</b> 1/31, 3/8, 5/3, 7/12, 9/6, 11/7	Country Inn & Suite 298 S. Chestnut St. Ven.
			<b>Spanish:</b> 2/13, 4/3, 6/12, 8/14, 10/16	
Food Safety Educators (831) 521-4639 <a href="http://www.foodsafetyeducators.com">www.foodsafetyeducators.com</a>	Prometric	English, Spanish	1/20, 3/24, 6/2, 7/28, 9/29, 12/1 (Spanish starts at 8AM; English at 1PM)	Best Western, Oxnard 1156 S. Oxnard Blvd.
Food Safety & HACCP Compliance 818/703-7147 <a href="http://www.foodsafetycoach.com">www.foodsafetycoach.com</a>	NCPFM, ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish	Classes for 2 or more at your facility by arrangement	
Make Food Safe 818/624-2319 <a href="http://www.makefoodsafety.com">www.makefoodsafety.com</a>	NCPFM, Servsafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish, Korean	Home study course available Private classes by arrangement	Los Angeles
Safe at the Plate 888/804-7233 <a href="http://www.safeattheplate.com">www.safeattheplate.com</a>	CFSM, Servsafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish. Home study and internet training	Training by arrangement for 12 or more participants	