



Environmental Health Division • Public Information

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California's Requirement for Food Safety Certification

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 113947.1, requires each retail food facility that prepares, handles, or serves non-prepackaged potentially hazardous food, except temporary food facilities, to have at least one person who has successfully passed an approved and accredited food safety certification examination. While training is not required to take the examination, many people find that training helps them pass the exam. The certified person at one facility cannot serve as the certified person at another remote food facility, even if they are under the same ownership. The certified person is responsible for the training of food-handlers, at the facility, so they are knowledgeable about food safety in their areas of individual responsibility. The certified person is responsible for ensuring that food is always handled, prepared, and served in such a way as to be safe for the consumers. However, the certified person does not have to be at the food facility during all hours of operation.

A certification is now valid in California for 5 years from the date issued. After five years, a recertification examination must be passed in order to obtain a new certificate. The certificate, which is issued directly from the food protection manager certification organization, must be kept on file at the food facility and be presented to an Environmental Health Officer upon request. If the certified person is no longer employed at the facility, the operator of the facility has 60 days to obtain another certified person. New food facilities also have 60 days from the date they are permitted to obtain a certified person.

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. Make sure the examination you are given is one of those found at the bottom of this page.

EHD does offer food handler training to assist our permitted operators with their food safety programs. Please call 805/648-9245 for additional information.

Accredited Food Protection Manager Certification Organizations and Approved Examinations

- **ServeSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification**, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation
175 W Jackson Bl, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604-2814, (800) 765-2122, website: www.nraef.org
- **National Certified Professional Food Manager (NCPFM)**, Prometric, 1260 Energy Park Dr, St. Paul, MN 55108, 800/624-2736,
website: www.prometric.com
- **Certified Food Safety Manager™ (CFSM)**, National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, 5728 Major Bl, Suite 750, Orlando, FL 32819,
800/446-0257, website: www.nrfsp.com
- **Certified Dietary Managers (CDM), Certified Food Protection Professional (CFPP)**, Certifying Board of Dietary Manager's Association, 406 Surry
Wood Dr., St. Charles, IL, 60174, 800/323-1908, website: www.dmaonline.org
- **SuperSafeMark™ Certified Food Safety Manager™**, examination provided by National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, 5728 Major Bl, Suite 750,
Orlando, FL 32819, 800/446-0257, website: www.nrfsp.com

Trainers / Exam Proctors	Certification	Exam Languages/Options	2010 Training Dates	Location
AAA Food Handler Training School 877/222-3487	NCPFM ServSafe	English, Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese	Home study course available Private classes available by arrangement	Camarillo
A Better Company for Premier Food Safety 800/676-3121 <i>www.premierfood.safety.com</i>	NCPFM, CFSM, ServSafe	English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic	English: 3/22, 4/21, 5/19, 6/14, 7/14, 8/12, 9/15, 10/20, 11/16, 12/22	Pierpont Inn, Ventura (550 Sanjon Rd.)
			Spanish: 3/23, 4/15, 5/6, 5/26, 6/14, 7/7, 8/2, 8/31, 9/27, 10/21, 11/30, 12/21	Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles (930 Wilshire Blvd.)
			Korean: 3/23, 4/19, 5/18, 6/21, 7/20, 8/16, 9/21, 10/18, 11/16, 12/13	Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles (930 Wilshire Blvd.)
			Chinese: 4/17, 6/19, 8/21, 10/16	Ramada Inn, El Monte (1089 Santa Anita Ave.)
A School for the People / La Escuela de la Gente 888/851-3663 818/773-7572 <i>www.contact@schoolforthepeople.com</i>	NCPFM ServSafe	English, Spanish	Home study course available Private classes available by arrangement	Chatsworth
American Food Safety Institute (AFSI) 800/723-3873 <i>www.americanfoodsafety.com</i>	NCPFM, CFSM, ServSafe	English, Spanish	English	Burbank, Los Angeles, or Long Beach
			Spanish	Burbank, Los Angeles, or Long Beach
California Food Handler School 800/510-0525 818/773-7572 <i>www.makefoodsafes.com</i>	NCPFM ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese	Home study course available Private classes by arrangement Classes available daily	9900 Balboa Blvd. #A Northridge, CA 91325
California Food Safety 800/455-0075 <i>www.californiafoodsafety.com</i>	NCPFM, ServSafe	English, Spanish, Chinese Others may be available	Call for dates and locations Private classes available	
California Restaurant Association 800/765-4842 <i>www.calrest.org</i>	ServSafe	English, Spanish	Call for dates and locations Private classes by arrangement	
Dynasty School 800/888-8827 626/855-0455	NCPFM	Training and exam in English, Spanish, Chinese	Monthly in Hacienda Heights	
Family Health Services 800/294-2192	NCPFM	Training: English, Spanish Exam: English, Spanish	Classes for 10 or more at your facility by arrangement	
Franklin Life 626/300-1008	NCPFM ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish	Private classes by arrangement Chinese: Every Tuesday English/Spanish: Thursdays	Monterey Park
Gary Wang & Associates 888/698-1688 626/288-6898	NCPFM ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish, Chinese	Los Angeles County	
Hospitality Consultants of America 800/953-3822	NCPFM ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish,	Offered in Ventura County with 12 or more participants	
Kim Goodlett Food Safety Training Specialists 800/429-7110 <i>www.foodsafetywithkim.com</i>	ServSafe	English, Spanish; Also Online home study; Exam only by appointment at County Libraries	English: 4/20, 5/18, 6/22, 7/20, 8/24, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14 Spanish: 2/9, 4/13, 6/15, 8/17, 10/12	Ventura Townhouse 4900 Telegraph Rd. Ventura, CA 93003
NSF International 800/673-6275 ext. 5600	NCPFM, CFSM, ServSafe	Training and exam: English, Spanish	By arrangement with 10 or more	
Safe at the Plate 888/804 7233 <i>www.safeattheplate.com</i>	CFSM	Training and exam: English, Spanish; Home study and Internet training	Training by arrangement for 12 or more participants Exam at LaserGrade test centers 800/211-2754	
TAP Series 888/826-5222, ext. 1 <i>www.tapseries.com</i>	NCPFM, CFSM, ServSafe	Home study using CD-Rom, Internet English, Spanish	CFSM exam at LaserGrade test centers 800/211-2754 <i>http://www.lasergrade.com/</i>	