

Fact Sheet
2011 Alaska Food Worker Card Requirement

New regulations require food workers in Alaska, except those within the Municipality of Anchorage, to have a State Food Worker Card. (The Municipality of Anchorage also requires a food worker card, but it is their own card, issued after passing the Municipality's test.)

Do you need a Food Worker Card?

"Food Workers" are people who handle food for the public. You will need to get a Food Worker Card if you work as a server, bartender, busser, cook, prep-cook, dishwasher, meat cutter, deli person, or licensed day care food worker. Anyone who works with unpackaged food or food contact surfaces will need a card.

You do *not* need a card if you are a cashier, host, grocery checker or bagger, stocker, delivery driver, or work as a volunteer. If you are not sure whether you need a card, call the Food Safety and Sanitation Program office at 1-87-SAFE-FOOD (1-877-233-3663).

Can I start a job without a Food Worker Card?

If you do not have a card before employment, you must get one within **30 days** of beginning work.

Does my employer keep my card?

Alaska regulations require a *copy* of your Food Worker Card to be given to your employer.

How long is the card valid?

Your card will be valid for **three years**.

How much does it cost?

As of October 4, 2010, all Food Worker Cards cost \$10.

What if I fail the test?

You may use the same test ID to take the Food Worker Test as many times as necessary to pass. If you do not pass the test within one year, your Test ID will expire. You will need to answer 15 out of 20 questions correctly to pass the test. Once you have passed the test your Food Worker Card will be **mailed** to you in approximately 2-3 weeks. Please be sure your mailing address is correct.

Getting the Card – Three Options

1. View online study materials and take an online test at our website. online training and tests are available in English, Spanish, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Russian, Mandarin and Cantonese.
2. Request that free study materials and a test be mailed to you.
3. Take a class (and test) offered by your local Food Safety and Sanitation Program or one offered by your employer.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call the Food Safety and Sanitation Program at 907-269-7501 or 1-87-SAFE-FOOD (1-877-233-3663). You can also contact your local Environmental Health Officer, or find more information at

<http://alaska.state.gogov.com/foodworker>.

Fact Sheet
NEW Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Requirement

New regulations require food establishments, except those within the Municipality of Anchorage, to have at least one Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) on staff (18 AAC 31.325).

WHAT IS A CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER (CFPM)?

A CFPM is a person who has passed one of the following three national exams:

1. National Restaurant Association
2. Thomson Prometric

3. National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (aka Professional Testing Inc)

There are links at the website below to organizations that offer this training and administer the exams.

WHO NEEDS TO GET CERTIFICATION?

Food establishments need to have **at least one Certified Food Protection Manager**. Your CFPM should be present during most operating hours, and when they are not present, you need to assign someone who is knowledgeable about food safety practices to take their place.

The food establishment must retain a copy of the Certified Food Protection Manager's card for their records. The CFPM is not required to carry their card with them, but is required to demonstrate their knowledge about food safety practices.

HOW LONG IS THE CERTIFICATION VALID?

Your CFPM card is valid for **5 years**.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost will vary depending on how you obtain training and where you arrange to take the exam. There is a list of the CFPM trainers on our training website to get you started.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call the Food Safety and Sanitation Program if you are not sure whether this requirement applies to you. You can also contact your local Environmental Health Officer, or find more information on the Alaska Food Worker Website.

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/training/training.html>.

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