



CALIFORNIA FOOD HANDLER CARD

Individuals involved in the preparation, storage or service of food in food facility must possess a California Food Handler Card. Part time employees and students must also obtain Food Handler Cards.

The Food Handler must take a course and pass a test from an accredited certification organization. The Food Handler Card is valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance. The food handler shall be re-certified prior to the expiration of the card. Food handlers must obtain a valid Food Handler Card within 30 days after the hire date at a food facility.

Food handlers working at the facilities listed below are exempt from obtaining a Food Handler Card.

- Grocery stores, except for separately owned food facilities that are located in the grocery store. "Grocery store" includes convenience stores.
- Licensed health care facilities
- Mobile support units
- Public and private school cafeterias
- Restricted food service facilities
- Retail stores where the majority of the sales are from a pharmacy
- Venues with snack bar service where the majority of sales are from admission tickets (excludes restaurant-style sit-down service).
- An individual who holds a valid Food Protection Manager Certification does not need a California Food Handler Card to work in a food facility.
- Volunteers at "soup kitchens" or "food banks" are not required to have Food Handler Cards.
- Temporary Food Facilities at community events

Food Handler Certification Providers

A food handler must obtain training and testing to become certified from an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited training provider. The following is a partial list of approved trainers:

- 1 AAA Food Handler Training School Phone: 714-592-4100
www.aaafoodhandler.com
- Above Training/State Food Safety Phone: 801-494-1416
www.statefoodsafety.com
- National Environmental Health Association Phone: 303-756-9090
www.neha.org
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals Phone: 800-446-0257
www.nrfsp.com
- Premier Food Safety (English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Cantonese) Phone: 800-676-3121
www.premierfoodsafety.com
- TAP Series (English, Spanish) Phone: 818-889-8799
www.tapseries.com
- ServSafe Phone: 800-765-2122
www.servsafe.com

A comprehensive and up to date list of **American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited training providers** can be found at the website, www.ansi.org **Look for a training provider accredited for Food Handler Training Certificate Program.**