

California's New Food Handler Certification Card

Food handlers must have a California Food Handler Card within 30 days from the date of hire, unless employer requests sooner. The cards must be provided to your employer and a copy kept on file. Cards are valid for three years.

Who is a food handler? A food handler is a person who is involved in the preparation, storage or service of food in a food facility. The definition includes most restaurant employees, such as those holding the positions of, but not limited to: wait staff, chefs, head cooks, cooks,



bussers, bartenders, hosts and hostesses who handle food and supervisory personnel, such as the general manager or managers.

How much does it cost? The law stipulates that the course must be available at no more than \$15 per person.

How do I get a CA Food Handler Card? There are some companies that are qualified to issue food handler cards, identified below:

- ABC Food Safety: www.premierfoodsafety.com
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals: www.NRFSP.com
- National Restaurant Association (Servsafe®): www.FoodHandlerUSA.com
www.servsafe.com/purchase (ServSafe Manager)
- Prometric: www.prometric.com/foodsafety/default.htm
- State Food Safety: www.StateFoodSafety.com

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