



Food Safety Training Frequently Asked Questions

Who is required to complete person-in-charge (formerly known as Level One) certification in food protection training?

Person-in-charge certification in food protection training is required for the following:

1. At least one person-in-charge per shift for new Risk Level I, II, III, and IV food service operations and retail food establishments licensed after March 1, 2010.
2. At least one person-in-charge per shift for any food service operation or retail food establishment that has been involved in a foodborne illness outbreak.
3. All persons-in-charge of any food service operation or retail food business when the Medina County Board of Health has applied action against the food service operation or retail food establishment license.

Of course, anyone wishing to complete this course is urged to do so!

Who is required to complete manager certification in food protection (formerly known as Level Two) training?

As of March 1, 2017, all Risk Level III and IV food service operations and retail food establishments must have one employee who has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service obtain manager certification in food protection.

What risk level is my food service operation/retail food establishment?

Risk level can be found on your food service operation/retail food establishment license. If you are uncertain about your risk level, feel free to contact our office at (330) 723-9688 Option 3.

Who offers certification in food protection training?

For a list of Ohio Department of Health (ODH) approved person-in-charge and manager certification course providers, go to:

http://www.healthspace.com/Clients/Ohio/Ohio_Website_Live.nsf/FoodCertifications.xsp

What is the cost for certification in food protection training?

Cost for training varies according to course provider. Contact course provider for more information and course dates and times.

Is there an approved online person-in-charge certification in food protection training course?

Yes. Person-in-charge certification in food protection training may be completed online at <https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSOHPIC1EONL> or <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler> for a nominal fee. Be sure to print your certificate and keep it on file at the food service operation/retail food establishment.

Is there an approved online manager certification in food protection training course?

Yes. There are multiple ODH approved online manager certification courses with online proctored exams available:

- ServSafe Manager 7th Edition online course from the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association
- "Learn2Serve Food Safety Management Principles" from 360Training.com
- StateFoodSafety/Above Training, Inc.
- AlwaysFoodSafe.com
- MMBizsolutions.com

1. Once you complete an ODH approved manager certification course of your choice and pass the online proctored exam, complete the ODH application for manager certification.

This application can be found here:

https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/9b650f85-c134-468f-bece-2311d8bf19df/mgrcertificationapp.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROO-TWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-9b650f85-c134-468f-bece-2311d8bf19df-nEm0Arz

2. E-mail the completed ODH application with proof of course completion and exam score to foodsafety@odh.ohio.gov.

Do I need to renew my person-in-charge certification or manager certification in food protection?

No. Both person-in-charge and manager certifications in food protection issued by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) do not expire. Maintain a copy of your certification at the licensed facility.