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Food Protection Manager Guidelines Are Changing!!

<http://alexandriava.gov/FoodSafety>

What's changing?

From July 1, 2021 food businesses operating in Alexandria City will no longer be required to have the Northern Virginia Food Manager's card. They must still have food managers that have taken and passed an accredited exam, and have the test certificate available, but they will not be required to have the additional card.

Why are we making this change?

Over the last 16 months, food businesses have been particularly hard hit financially due to COVID-19. The \$45 cost of obtaining a picture ID card to prove they've taken a certified test, seems unreasonable.

Won't this make businesses less safe?

All food businesses (with a few small exceptions), are still required to take and pass an accredited exam in food safety. The only thing that is changing, is the additional requirement for a picture ID card showing the certificate information. Moving forward, Environmental Health Specialists will ask for and validate that the establishment is under the control of an accredited manager by checking the accredited exam certificate. We will also continue to focus our inspection on ensuring that the establishment is under active managerial control, and that all staff are trained in food safety.

How do you become a Certified Food Protection Manager?

To become a Certified Food Protection Manager, you must take and pass an accredited exam. A list of accredited exams is listed below. During your inspection, the Certified Food Protection Manager will be asked to provide evidence that they have taken and passed an accredited exam. They will also be asked food safety questions based on this credential.

What exams are accredited?

- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
800.446.0257, www.nrfsp.com
- Prometric (formerly Experior Assessments)
800.813.6671, www.prometric.com
- 360Training.com
888.360.8764, www.360Training.com

- Above Training/StateFoodSafety.com
801.494.1416, www.statefoodsafety.com
- Serv-Safe (National Restaurant Association, LLC)
800.765.2122, www.servsafe.com

How do I prepare to take the exam?

A list of organizations that offer exam preparation courses is provided below. An accredited exam is often offered upon completion of these courses; contact vendors for details. The Alexandria Health Department encourages managers to take a course prior to taking an exam, but it is not required to obtain a FPM card.

Name	Phone	Language Services
A Better Company for Premier Food Safety www.abettercompanyfoodsafety.com	800.676.3121	English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin & Vietnamese
American Food Safety Institute www.americanfoodsafety.com	800.723.3873	English, Spanish, Arabic & Mandarin
Rupert and Associates, LLC www.rupertandassociatesllc.com	703.795.0547	English, Spanish
David Robinson, ServSafe Instructor & Proctor dave@foodsafetyinstructor.com	540.908.6536	English
Food Safety and Salud www.foodsafetyandsalud.com	703.333.5707	English & Spanish
Foodsense, Inc. www.foodsense.org	703.848.0858	English
Learn 2 Serve www.learn2serve.com	888.360.8771	English (online course, no exam offered)
Newport Enterprises www.newport-enterprises.com	703.665.0399	English
Northern Virginia Community College www.nvcc.edu	703.323.3168	English
ORS Interactive, Inc. www.orsinteractive.com	703.533.7600	Exam: English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, French, Italian & Arabic
Red Poppy Catering www.redpoppycatering.com	703.909.8831	English
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington www.ramwtraining.com	202.331.5990	Course: English & Spanish
		Exam: English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean & French Canadian
State Food Safety www.statefoodsafety.com	801.494.1416	English, Spanish On-line Prep Course
Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association www.vhta.org	800.552.2225	English

How do I get more information?

Please contact our environmental health team if you have any questions. They can be contacted via email: AlexEHHealth@vdh.virginia.gov or by phone 703.746.4910