

Washington State Retail Food Code Changes



Whatcom County
HEALTH
Department



Hello and welcome to Whatcom County Health Department's Food Safety Program presentation, in which we will be reviewing some of the main Washington State retail food code changes.

Rule Change: Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)



This video will cover the Certified Food Protection Manager rule change that will go into effect on March 1, 2023.

Key Points

- **Effective March 1st 2023.**
- **At least one CFPM on staff.**
 - CFPM does not need to be on premises, but certification must be available upon request.
- **CFPM in charge of:**
 - Written plans and implementing food safety training.



The rule change will go into effect in March of 2023, so establishments have plenty of time to pursue certification. There should be at least one CFPM on staff. They do not need to physically be on the premises, but certification must be available upon request. The CFPM is in charge of written plans and implementing food safety training.

ANSI-CFP* Accreditation Program

#	Organization	Name of Certification
1	360training.com, Inc www.360training.com	Learn2Serve® Food Protection Manager Certification Program
2	Above Training, Inc./ StatefoodSafety.com www.statefoodsafety.com	Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Exam
3	National Registry of Food Safety Professionals www.nrfsp.com	Food Protection Manager Certification Program International Certified Food Safety Program
4	National Restaurant Association www.servsafe.com	ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Program
5	Prometric Inc www.prometric.com	Food Protection Manager Certification Program
6	The Always Food Safe Company, LLC https://alwaysfoodsafecom/	Food Protection Manager Certification

*American National Standards Institute – Conference for Food Protection



Certification is issued by a licensed national program and varies in cost, size, and issuance process. There are six national certification programs.

Candidates should check with the examination provider for specific information as some may or may not provide a training course prior to examination.

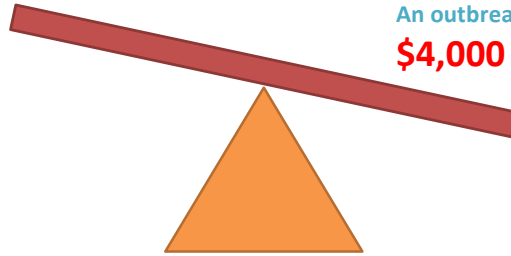
Certification is valid for three to five years depending on your jurisdiction

Cost of Certification

On Average:

Online certification
costs approximately
\$257 per person

An outbreak costs a restaurant
\$4,000 - \$2.2 million



The benefits of getting certified far outweigh the costs. An online certification costs an average of a few hundred dollars versus an outbreak that can cost a restaurant much more. Outbreaks can lead to:

- Loss of customers, sales, and reputation.
- Lawsuits and legal fees.
- Negative media coverage.
- Higher insurance premiums.

Exemptions

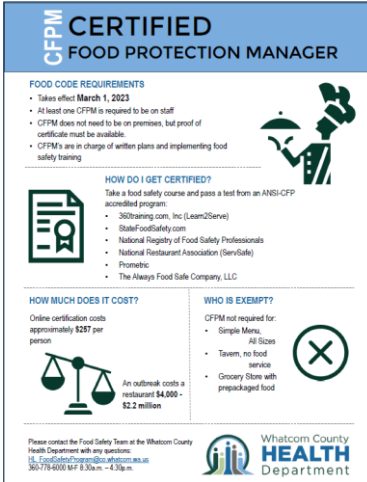
- **Simple Menu, All Sizes.**
- **Tavern, no food service.**
- **Grocery Store with prepackaged food.**



Certain establishments are exempt from certification. These include simple menu restaurants, taverns without food service and grocery stores that only have prepackaged foods. Look on your food permit form to see what type of permit category you fall under.

CFPM Resources

- A Whatcom County Health Department (WCHD) handout is available here: whatcomcounty.us/3232/Food-Safety



CFPM CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER

FOOD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Takes effect March 1, 2023
- At least one CFPM is required to be on staff
- CFPM does not need to be on premises, but proof of certificate must be available
- CFPMs are in charge of written plans and implementing food safety training

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

Take a food safety course and pass a test from an ANSI-CFP accredited program:

- 360training.com, Inc (Learn2Serve)
- StateFoodSafety.com
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
- National Restaurant Association (ServSafe)
- Prometric
- The Always Food Safe Company, LLC

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Online certification costs approximately **\$287** per person

An outbreak costs a restaurant **\$4,000 - \$2.2 million**

WHO IS EXEMPT?

CFPM not required for:

- Simple Menu, All Sizes
- Tavern, no food service
- Grocery Store with prepackaged food

Please contact the Food Safety Team at the Whatcom County Health Department with any questions:
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360-775-6000 MP 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

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The Whatcom County Health Department (WCHD) has created a CFPM handout that is available on our website at the link provided.

Thanks for Watching!

