

California Food Safety Certifications

General information and provider list for Glenn County & surrounding areas.
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Food facilities where non-prepackaged food is prepared, handled, or served must require their employees to obtain food safety certification. There are two levels of food safety certification:

- **Food Safety Manager**—is a manager level certification consisting of an 8-hour class followed by a comprehensive examination covering all aspects of food safety. The class, textbook, and exam typically cost \$120-\$200 and certification is good for 5 years. A person with this certification is exempt from the less rigorous Food Handler Card requirement below. **Each facility must have at least one Food Safety Manager on staff.**
- **Food Handler Card**—is an employee level certification consisting of a 2-hour class with shorter examination covering the basics of food safety. The class and exam typically cost \$10-\$15, can be completed online, and certification is good for 3 years. **All food handlers at a facility must have this certification.**



A **food handler** is a person who is involved in the preparation, storage, service, or packaging of food or beverage. This definition includes most restaurant employees, including but not limited to: servers, chefs, cooks, cook's assistants, bussers, bartenders, bar backs, hosts & hostesses who handle food, and supervisory personnel.

Certain types of food facilities are exempt from the Food Handler Card requirement, most notably school cafeterias, licensed health care facilities, grocery stores, commissaries, bed & breakfasts, elderly nutrition program facilities, and several other types of facility. Ask your inspector if you think your facility might be exempt. However, facilities exempt from the Food Handler Card requirement must still have at least one certified Food Safety Manager on staff.

Food Handler Card Providers (California Approved)

Food Handler Card providers must be an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited training provider that meets the ASTM International E2659-09 Standard Practice for Certificate Programs as required by California Retail Food Code section 113948(b)(2).

State Food Safety

www.statefoodsafety.com

Course Title: California Food Handler Training
Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese

Environmental Health Testing

www.envhealthtesting.com

Course Title: National Registry Food Handler Online Course
Languages: English & Spanish

MindLeaders, Inc.

www.mindleaders.com

Course Title: NEHA Professional Food Handler
Languages: English & Spanish

National Restaurant Association

www.restaurant.org

Course Title: ServSafe California Food Handler
Languages: English & Spanish

National Environmental Health Association

www.neha.org

Course Title: NEHA Professional Food Handler

Premier Food Safety

www.premierfoodsafety.com

Course Title: California Food Handler Card
Languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese

Safeway Certifications

www.safewayclasses.com

Course Title: Food Handler Course—California
Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese/Mandarin

TAP Series

www.tapseries.com

Course Title: California Food Handler Training
Languages: English & Spanish

eFoodHandlers, Inc

www.efoodhandlers.com

Course Title: Basic Food Safety Training
Languages: English

Food Safety Manager Certification Classes & Exams

Certification must meet the requirements in California Retail Food Code sections 113947.1-113947.3

Classroom Seminars

The courses below offer a classroom seminar, textbook, and exam. It is strongly recommended that exam candidates register early, purchase the training textbook, and study the material prior to class.

Butte College Small Business Development Center

Phone: (530) 895-9017

Website: www.bcsbdc.org

Location: Chico

Frequency: quarterly

Languages: English

Butte Safe Food

Phone: (530) 520-8666 (contact: Mike Boian)

Email: buttesafefood@aol.com

Location: Chico

Frequency: every 6-8 weeks

Languages: English (materials available in Spanish)

Nor Cal Food Handlers

Phone: (530) 586-8319 (contact: Jolene Queen)

Website: www.norcalfoodhandlers.com

Location: Red Bluff (will travel)

Frequency: monthly

Languages: English & Spanish

Note: also offers food handler card class

California Restaurant Association

Phone: (916) 431-2729 (contact: Cassandra Strawn)

Website: www.calrest.org/servsafe

Location: Redding, Sacramento, Chico

Frequency: monthly Sacramento, quarterly Redding, TBD in Chico

Languages: English (sometimes Spanish)

Food Service Assist

Phone: (707) 443-2419 (contact: Carol Miller)

Website: www.foodserviceassist.com

Location: Redding & Eureka (other cities by appointment)

Frequency: 1-2 classes per month

Languages: English (some materials available in other languages)

Note: also offers food handler card class

ServSafe (Marysville)

Phone: (530) 741-6825 (Contact: Cindy Alfred)

Website: www.servsafe.com

Location: Marysville, Clearlake, Woodland

Frequency: every two months

Languages: English (can pre-order book/exam in Spanish)

ServSafe (Chico)

Phone: (530) 518-4548 (Contact: Rose Sylvia)

Website: www.servsafe.com Email: rosesylvia@live.com

Location: Chico

Frequency: quarterly

Languages: English (exams are available in Spanish)

Additional Classes/Exams in Spanish, Chinese, and Korean Available in Sacramento and SF Bay Area:

- Premier Food Safety (www.premierfoodsafety.com)
- ServSafe (www.servsafe.com)

Internet Self-Study Courses

The Food Safety Manager exam is a proctored exam that cannot be taken on a home computer. The self-study courses below provide training and then refer students to a testing center to take the exam.

Training Achievement Program (TAP Series)

Website: www.tapseries.com

Phone: (888) 826-5222

Course to Request: Food Safety Manager Certification Training

Languages: English & Spanish

Affiliated Testing Center: Pearson VUE

Premiere Food Safety

Website: www.premierefoodsafety.com

Phone: (800) 676-3121

Course to Request: Food Manager Certification

Languages: English

Affiliated Testing Center: Prometric (for online course)

Food Safety Administration

Website: www.foodsafetyadmin.com

Phone: (888) 892-9477

Course to Request: Manager's Food Safety

Languages: English, Spanish (exams available in other languages)

Affiliated Testing Center: they use their own testing centers in Chico, Redding, and Sacramento

ServSafe Online Course

Website: www.servsafe.com

Phone: (800) 765-2122 x6701

Course to Request: Food Safety—Manager Training

Languages: English & Spanish

Affiliated Testing Center: ServSafe exam offered through local California Restaurant Association affiliates

Safe-at-the-Plate

Website: www.safeattheplate.com

Phone: (888) 804-7233

Course to Request: Manager Food Safety Training

Languages: English & Spanish

Affiliated Testing Center: Pearson VUE

Testing Centers

The testing centers below do not provide training or study materials, only a proctored exam. Completing a classroom seminar or self-study course prior to taking the exam is recommended, but not required.

Pearson VUE

Phone: (888) 687-1571 Website: www.pearsonvue.com

Locations: Redding, Sacramento (throughout CA)

Languages: English & Spanish

Exam to Request: *Food Safety Manager Certification Exam* by the *National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (NRFSP)*.

Prometric

Phone: (888) 687-1571 Website: www.prometric.com

Locations: Chico, Fair Oaks (Chico office phone: 898-6218)

Languages: English

Exam to Request: *Certified Professional Food Manager Exam*