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12VAC5-421-55: Certified Food Protection Manager

Requirements

- At least one employee with supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service shall be a certified food protection manager, demonstrating proficiency of required knowledge and information through passing a test that is part of an accredited program.
- This section does not apply to food establishments that serve only non-temperature control for safety food and food establishments where food handling does not exceed reheating and/or cold holding of commercially processed and packaged ready-to-eat food.
- For purpose of enforcement, this section will take effect on July 1, 2018.

Certification

The following programs are recognized by the Virginia Department of Health:

<u>National Restaurant Association</u> https://servsafe.com ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Program	<u>National Registry of Food Safety Professionals</u> https://nrfsp.com Food Protection Manager Certification Program International Certified Food Safety Manager
<u>360training.com, Inc</u> https://360training.com/learn2serve Learn2Serve Food Protection Manager Certification Program	<u>Above Training/StateFoodSafety.com</u> https://statefoodsafety.com Certified Food Protection Manager Exam
<u>The Always Food Safe Company, LLC</u> https://alwaysfoodsafecom.com	<u>AAA Food Handler</u> https://aaafoodhandler.com/food-manager-certification Food Manager Certification

Please provide Food Protection Manager Certification documentation with all applications for any renewal of a food facility, new establishment, or for temporary food establishments that do not fall under the exemptions above.

Inspections & Enforcement

Types of Inspections

- **Construction:** An inspection that will be completed when requested by the owner, involving the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) evaluating the facility in respect to the original approved design. The EHS will specifically look at flow of operations, equipment requirements, design and construction, plumbing, etc.
- **Pre-opening:** An inspection required prior to opening a facility. The establishment must be “ready to open,” and will be evaluated as such. Proof of approval from the building department will need to be provided at this inspection.
- **Routine:** This is an unannounced inspection during which the EHS will evaluate foodborne illness risk factors and good retail practices to determine compliance with VDH regulations.
- **Risk-Based:** This is a specialized inspection during which the EHS will evaluate specific foodborne illness risk factors to determine compliance with critical sections of the VDH regulations.
- **Follow-up Inspection:** An inspection conducted for the purpose of re-inspecting items that were not in compliance at a previous inspection.
- **Complaint Inspection:** An inspection conducted in response to a complaint received by the local health department. All complaints are addressed with the person in charge.

Enforcement

- **Suspension of permit:** A permit holder shall immediately discontinue operations and notify the regulatory authority if an imminent health hazard exists: A hearing is not required to suspend a permit, but the opportunity must be given for a hearing after the suspension is in effect. An imminent public health risk includes but is not limited to:
 - Fire
 - Flood
 - Extended interruption of electrical or water services
 - Sewage back-up
 - Misuse of poisonous or toxic materials
 - Onset of an apparent foodborne illness outbreak
 - Gross unsanitary occurrence or condition
 - Other circumstances that may endanger the public
- **Revocation of permit to operate:** A Food establishment’s permit may be revoked due to flagrant or continuing violation of any of the requirements of the Virginia Food Regulations, 12VAC 4-421. Prior to revocation of the permit, the permit holder will be afforded an opportunity to appeal the Health Department’s decision. Whenever a revocation has become final, the holder of the revoked permit may submit an application for a new permit. However, prior to the issuance of a new permit the food establishment must meet all application provisions of the Virginia Food Regulations, 12VAC 4-421.