



Your Partner in Food Safety Training

# Changes are *ahead* for Food Safety Training Regulations in Illinois



We'll help you navigate through the curves



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**Relevant** We connect the latest in food safety, people safety and alcohol awareness training to the realities of job responsibilities

**Participant-centered** We provide an interactive engaging learning experience and encourage involvement to capture attention and improve understanding

**Flexible** Our classes are regularly offered to fit your schedule; at your location and at public classes

**Adaptable** Available in English & Spanish

**Proven & Reliable** We're proud of our reputation and the positive reviews received as well as the 90% pass rates achieved by our students

**Customer Service** We're dedicated to staying in contact with you with renewal reminders, updates, news & more

**Value Added** We offer customized services, such as Basset Certification, employee training and food safety audits

## Food Manager Certification Exam

**Current:** The State of Illinois administers the exam at no charge.



**Effective January 2014:** The State of Illinois will no longer administer the Food Safety Manager Certification Exam and will only recognize several national exams, which must be purchased, to meet the requirement.

*Additionally, there will be a cost for the exam.*

**Foodservice Safe** will offer the Servsafe exam, from the National Restaurant Association. Upon successfully completing the exam with a 75% or higher score, participants will receive a national certification, *in addition* to the certification that the Illinois Department of Public Health requires. The Servsafe certificate is accepted in Wisconsin and all other states.

We will order these tests for you. The cost of the exam will be reflected in the overall cost of taking the class.

## Food Manager Re-Certification Class

**Current:** The State of Illinois offers a 5 hour Refresher Class option to renew your Food Manager Safety Certificate every 5 years.



**Effective July 2014:** The only way to renew your Illinois Certificate will be by taking a one day 8 hour class and passing the national exam. The last refresher class option for re-certification will be June 30.

## Food Manager Certification Hours

**Current:** The State of Illinois requires a two day 15 hour training class and exam to initially obtain your Food Manager Safety Certificate.



**Effective July 2014:** The State of Illinois requirement to obtain an initial certification will be a one day 8 hour class and exam.

The changes will require less time out of operations for those initially certified; though all will have to take a class and pass an exam. We are keenly aware that reducing class time in half from 15 hours to 8 hours, while covering the same information, will be challenging. With our 90% student pass rate, we are confident that we can work with your organization to obtain a high pass rate.

**Foodservice Safe** urges any employees whose certificates expires on or before September 30, 2014, to renew the certification as soon as possible.

## Food Handler Certification

**Current:** The State of Illinois does not currently require all food handler employees to be certified.



**Effective July 2014:** A food handler certification will now be required for ALL food handlers working in a restaurant. They must receive or obtain training in basic safe food handling principles within 30 days after employment. Details on approved training is pending.

**Foodservice Safe** will begin offering approved Food Handler classes in 2014.

**Website:** [www.foodservicesafe.com](http://www.foodservicesafe.com) (includes class schedules)

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