

California's New Food Handler Certification Card

Food handlers must have a California Food Handler Card by July 1st 2011. Employees hired after June 1, 2011 have 30 days from the date of hire to file a food handler card. The cards must be provided to your employer and a copy kept on file. Cards are valid throughout most of the state and are valid for three years.

Who is a food handler? A food handler is a person who is involved in the preparation, storage or service of food in a food facility. The definition includes most restaurant



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employees, such as those holding the positions of, but not limited to: wait staff, chefs, head cooks, cooks, bussers, bartenders, hosts and hostesses who handle food and supervisory personnel, such as the general manager or managers.

How much does it cost? The law stipulates that the course must be available at no more than \$15 per person.

How do I get a CA Food Handler Card? There are currently four companies that are qualified to issue food handler cards, identified below:

- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals: www.NRFSP.com
- National Restaurant Association (Servsafe®): www.FoodHandlerUSA.com
- Tap Series: www.TAPSeries.com
- Prometric : www.prometric.com/foodsafety/default.htm
- State Food Safety: www.StateFoodSafety.com