

FoodHandlerGuide.com — National Food Handler Card Quick Reference 2025

foodhandlerguide.pages.dev · County Lookup Tool · Renewal Tracker · Grace Period Calculator · Verify with your health department

SECTION 1 — STATES WITH A STATEWIDE FOOD HANDLER CARD REQUIREMENT (All Workers Must Be Certified)

State	Grace Period	Card Validity	Typical Cost	Online OK?	Employer Pays?	Regulatory Authority & Hotline
Washington	14 days	2 years	~\$10	Yes	No	WAC 246-217 WA DOH (360) 236-4030
California	30 days	3 years	~\$15	Yes	YES (SB 476)	AB 1978/CalCode CDPH (916) 558-1784
Illinois	30 days	3 years	~\$15	Yes	No	410 ILCS 625 IDPH (217) 782-0500 *Chicago extra reqs
Oregon	30 days	3 years	~\$10	Yes	No	OAR 333-150 OHA (971) 673-1222
Hawaii	30 days	3 years	~\$10	Yes	No	HAR §11-50 DOH (808) 586-4725
Alaska	30 days	3 years	~\$10	Yes	No	18 AAC 31 DEH (907) 334-2640
Utah	30 days	2 years	~\$15	Yes	No	R392-100 UDAF (801) 538-6191
New Mexico	30 days	2 years	~\$15	Yes	No	NMED Regs NMED (505) 827-2613
Louisiana	60 days	3 years	~\$15	Yes	No	LAC 51:XXIII LDH (225) 342-7499
Texas	60 days	2 years	~\$15	Yes	No	25 TAC §229.178 DSHS (512) 834-6753
Florida	60 days	3 years	~\$15	Yes*	No	FS §509.049 DBPR (850) 487-1395 *DBPR-approved list only

SECTION 2 — KEY COUNTY-LEVEL PROGRAMS (No Statewide Mandate — Selected Counties Only)

County / Jurisdiction	State	Card Req?	Cost	Validity	Online?	Health Dept. Phone
Fayette County (Lexington)	KY	YES	\$23	3 yrs	NO — In-Person Only (LFCHD)	(859) 252-2371
Jefferson County (Louisville)	KY	YES	~\$15	3 yrs	Verify w/ LMPHW	(502) 574-6520
Madison County	KY	YES	~\$20	3 yrs	Yes (ANAB)	(859) 623-7312
Franklin County (Frankfort)	KY	YES	~\$15	2 yrs	Yes (approved)	(502) 564-7647
Montgomery County	KY	YES	\$15	3 yrs	Yes (KY TRAIN)	(859) 498-3808
Pike County	KY	YES	Varies	Varies	Yes (approved)	(606) 432-0386
Bullitt County	KY	YES	Varies	Varies	Verify	(502) 543-2137
Boone County	KY	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(859) 341-4151
Kenton County	KY	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(859) 341-4151
Campbell County	KY	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(859) 341-4151
Shelby County (Memphis)	TN	YES	\$14	3 yrs	Yes	(901) 222-9000
Davidson County (Nashville)	TN	YES	\$15	3 yrs	Yes	(615) 340-5616
Hamilton County (Chattanooga)	TN	YES	~\$15	3 yrs	Yes	(423) 209-8100
Clark County (Las Vegas)	NV	YES	~\$22	3 yrs	NO — In-Person Only (SNHD)	(702) 759-1000

County / Jurisdiction	State	Card Req?	Cost	Validity	Online?	Health Dept. Phone
Washoe County (Reno)	NV	YES	Verify	Verify	Verify	(775) 328-2434
NYC (all 5 boroughs)	NY	YES*	~\$114	No exp.	Yes (DOHMH)	(212) 676-2444 *Food Protection Cert.
Hamilton Co. (Cincinnati)	OH	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(513) 946-7800
Marion County (Indianapolis)	IN	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(317) 221-2000
Kanawha County (Charleston)	WV	No	Voluntary	N/A	Voluntary	(304) 348-8050

SECTION 3 — STATES WITH NO STATEWIDE OR DOCUMENTED COUNTY FOOD HANDLER CARD REQUIREMENT

No Requirement (verify county-level rules locally)

Arkansas	Michigan*	Oklahoma*
Colorado*	Minnesota	Pennsylvania*
Connecticut	Missouri*	Rhode Island
Delaware	Montana	South Carolina
Georgia*	Nebraska	South Dakota
Idaho	New Hampshire	Vermont
Iowa	New Jersey	Virginia*
Maine	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Massachusetts	North Dakota	Wyoming

SECTION 4 — THE UNIVERSAL RULE: CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER (CFPM) — REQUIRED IN ALL 50 STATES

What	Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) — proctored, ANAB-accredited exam (not a handler card)
Who	At least ONE person per food establishment — restaurants, food trucks, cafeterias, catering companies
Cost	Exam: ~\$36 (ServSafe standalone) to ~\$180 (full prep course + exam). Study book: ~\$55 extra.
Valid	~5 years from exam date. Full retake required for renewal.
Providers	ServSafe (NRA) · Prometric/NRFSP · Always Food Safe · StateFoodSafety · 360training — all ANAB-accredited
Non-compliance	Priority Foundation violation on every routine health inspection. Can affect permit standing if recurring.

* States marked with asterisk have county-discretion with some counties having documented programs — verify locally. Disclaimer: informational use only. Requirements change. Verify with your health department. © 2025 FoodHandlerGuide.com

foodhandlerguide.pages.dev — Free County Lookup · Renewal Tracker · Grace Period Calculator · Which Card Do I Need?