

Food Safety Certification

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General Food Safety Information for the DC Region

All local Health Departments in the Washington, DC Region require restaurant and foodservice establishment permit holders to designate one or more persons, who have passed an approved exam on food-borne diseases, food handling and storage, and cooking temperatures, as a Food Safety Manager. It is important to check with your local Health Department to verify the specific requirements for food safety certification in your community.

Health Code Regulations for **Arlington County, Fairfax County, Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax City** require that all restaurants and food service establishments are under the immediate control of an individual who possesses a current Northern Virginia (VA) Food Manager



Card during all hours of operation. Failure to comply can result in immediate closure of the establishment by the local Health Department. Northern VA Food Manager Cards can be obtained from ORS Interactive, Inc. which has been contracted to issue the card through a consortium agreement between Arlington County, Fairfax County, Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax City.

Hours

**Monday to
Friday:
8am to 5pm**

**Saturday:
8am to 1pm**

**Closed on all
National Holidays**

Northern VA Food Manager Card Program

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Standard Food Manager Cards

New Standard Northern VA Food Manager Cards

To qualify for a new Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card, individuals must pass one of the following accredited food safety examinations prior to submitting an application for the Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card:

1) National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (NRFSP)

2) Thomson Prometric (formerly Exporior)

3) ServSafe (NRAEF)

The results of the food safety test, including the original certificate issued by the certifying body, must be presented along with one form of valid, government-issued photo identification.

Renewal of a Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card

The Standard Northern

VA Food Manager Card must be renewed every five years. Beginning January 1, 2007, everyone renewing a Northern Virginia Food Manager Card must pass one of the following accredited food safety examinations before they will be allowed to renew their Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card:

The results of the food safety test, including the original certificate issued

by the certifying body, must be presented along with one form of valid, government-issued photo identification.

The cost of the Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card is \$45, and it is valid for five years from the date of the exam.

Limited Northern VA Food Manager Cards

The cost of the Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card is \$45, and it is valid for five years from the date of the exam. The exam is \$10 and can be taken in the ORS Office.

Issuance of a New Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card

To qualify for a Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card, individuals must pass a Limited Food Manager Test administered by ORS Interactive, Inc. Persons applying for a Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card must also present one form of valid, government-issued photo identification.

Renewal of a Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card

The Limited Service Northern VA Food Manager Card must be renewed every five years. Beginning January 1, 2007, everyone renewing a Limited Food manager card must pass a Limited Food Manager Test administered by ORS Interactive. Anyone applying to renew a Limited Northern VA Food Manager Card must also present one form of valid, government-issued photo identification.

Which card do I need?

There are two categories of Northern VA Food Manager Cards – Standard and Limited. A “Limited Food Establishment” is defined as a food establishment that serves only hotdogs or frankfurter-type foods, prepackaged foods or foods that are not

potentially hazardous. All restaurants and foodservice establishments which are not classified as Limited by their local Health Department are required to have their personnel meet the criteria for the Standard Northern VA Food Manager Card. It is the re-

sponsibility of each person applying for a Food Manager Card to know the correct classification of their establishment. Those who are uncertain of their establishment’s classification should contact their local Health Department.

Services and Prices

- ⇒ NRSFP Food Safety Test (any language): \$65
- ⇒ Food Safety Class (with advance registrations): \$160
- ⇒ Food Safety Class (no advance registration): \$200
- ⇒ Food Safety Class (three or more from the same company): \$144
- ⇒ Northern VA Food Manager Card: \$45
- ⇒ ORS Food Safety Book (English, Spanish): \$35
- ⇒ Online Food Safety Training: \$75
- ⇒ Limited Food Manager Test: \$10

Food Safety Exams and Courses

It is not necessary to complete a food safety class prior to taking a food safety certification exam but many people find this helpful in preparing for the exam. Information about providers of food safety exams and food safety classes in Northern Virginia is available from local Health Departments and the Northern Virginia Food Manager Card Program.

ORS Interactive, Inc. administers computerized, food safety certification exams (immediate results available) from the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (NRFSP). **The cost of the NRFSP food safety certification exam is \$65.00.** The NRFSP certification exam is accepted by all local Health Departments in the Washington, DC Region.

We provide professional food safety training classes and exams in English and Spanish that are designed to assist restaurant and foodservice personnel in preparing for the NRFSP food safety exam. Public classes are held each month and special on-site classes are available for groups of 10 or more participants. All classes conclude with the administration of the NRFSP food safety certification exam. **The cost of the class, which includes all materials and the exam, is \$160.** A discount of 10% per person applies when 3 or more people from the same company/organization attend the same class.

Additionally, ORS Interactive, Inc. offers online food safety training programs in English and Spanish (**cost is \$75**) to assist restaurant and foodservice personnel in preparing for a nationally accredited, food safety certification exam. Online classes available at www.orsinteractive.com are designed to be taken at your convenience anywhere you have a high speed internet connection.

ORS has a Food Safety Management Course Handbook on sale in the ORS office (**\$35 plus shipping and handling**) which serves as a valuable resource in preparing for a food safety exam.

NRFSP Food Safety Exam Info

- The National Registry's Certified Food Safety Professional exam is based on the 2005 FDA Food Guide.
- The exam has 80 questions. More than 60 questions must be answered correctly in order to pass.
- The cost to take the exam at ORS Interactive, Inc is \$65.
- Candidates have a maximum of 2 hours to complete the exam.
- Once the exam is passed, the certification is good for 5 years
- The exam is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, and Vietnamese.



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Private Food Safety Classes

ORS Interactive, Inc can bring a private, on-site class to your location if you have 10 or more students. The price of the class includes a book and an exam for

each student.



The cost of the class is \$160 per person, and includes the

cost of one food safety course manual and one exam per person.

Please note that the price DOES NOT include the \$45.00 fee for obtaining the Northern Virginia Food Manager Card. If you would like to pay for the Food Manager Card at the time of the class, we can take pictures of those that attend the training, and after the exam results become available we will mail out the Food Manager Cards.

The class and exam can be provided In English or Spanish.