

New Food Handler Card and Certified Manager Certifications
extended to go into effect March 1, 2018



https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/

NEW FOOD REGULATIONS AND RESOURCES

The New Mexico Environment Department's Environmental Health Bureau announces that the requirement for obtaining the Food Handler Card and Certified Manager Certification will be extended for one year. The effective date for complying with these requirements will be March 1, 2018.

This extension will ensure that NMED-permitted food establishments across the state are able to meet the requirements. In addition, the NMED will continue its dialogue with food establishments and industry to address questions and concerns regarding the Food Handler Card and Certified Manager Certification requirements, and to modify these provisions as necessary.

For further information or if you have questions or comments, please contact your local Environment Department field office.

<https://www.env.nm.gov/district-field-offices/>

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/Regulation_Update.htm

<https://www.env.nm.gov/news-releases/>



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To help prepare you for the changes please browse the resources below.

Regulations

Regulations-Official Version

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/FoodRegs-OfficialVersion-CopyingAllowed.pdf

2013 Food Code

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/RetailFoodProtection/FoodCode/ucm374275.htm>

Retail Food Field Guide Version 2 (RELEASED 6/22/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/FieldGuide_Version_2.0_062216.pdf

Manufactured Food Field Guide (UPDATED 2/29/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/ManufacturedFoodFieldGuide02292016FinalRev01.pdf

Important Changes

This resource is intended to provide a quick look at some of the more important changes in the new regulations.

Important Changes to the Regulations (NEW 3/10/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/ImportantChangesToFoodRegulations_031516Rev03.pdf

Person in Charge

Beginning March 1, 2016 each permitted food establishment will need to have a "Person in Charge" designated during at all times during hours of operation. For more information on the responsibilities of a "Person in Charge"

Person in Charge Fact Sheet (REVISED 3/10/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/PersoninChargeFactSheet_03102016FinalRev03.pdf



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Employee Health Resources

The following model forms were taken directly from the 2013 Food Code and will assist you in complying with the employee health and illness reporting requirements. For more information on reporting requirements [click here](#).

Employee Health Handbook (NEW 2/29/16)

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/RetailFoodProtection/IndustryandRegulatoryAssistanceandTrainingResources/ucm113827.htm>

Employee Interview Form

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/ConditionalEmployeeandFoodEmployeeInterview.pdf

Employee Illness Reporting Agreement

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/ConditionalEmployeeandFoodEmployeeReportingAgreement.pdf

Employee Illness Decision Guide

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/PlanReviewAttachmentA02092016FinalRev01.pdf

Employee Medical Referral Form

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/ConditionalEmployeeandFoodEmployeeMedicalReferral.pdf

Food Handler Card (One year grace period-effective March 1, 2017)

All Food Employees (persons who handle food, utensils, and food contact surfaces) must have a food handler card by March 1, 2017. There are several exemptions to this rule, please see the "Food Handler Card FAQ's" below for details.

Food Handler Card FAQ's (REVISED 3/2/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/FrequentlyAskedQuestionsFoodHandlerCard03022016FinalRev02.pdf



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Approved Food Handler Card Programs

<https://www.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=237,238&statusID=4>

Application-Training Program for Food Handler Card Training Exemption (to obtain the application please contact Isidro Herrera @ 575-288-2049)

Certified Food Protection Manager (One year grace period-effective March 1, 2017)

At least one employee at each permitted food establishment that has supervisory and management responsibility and has authority to direct and control food preparation and service must be a Certified Food Protection Manager.

Certified Food Protection Manager Requirement

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/CertManagerRequirements.pdf

Approved Programs (UPDATED 3/2/16)

<https://www.ansi.org/accreditation/credentialing/personnel-certification/food-protection-manager/ALLdirectoryListing?menuID=8&prgID=8&statusID=4>

Forms

The following forms will replace forms currently used by the NMED Food Program beginning March 1, 2016.

Retail Food Inspection Form (examples include: restaurants, schools, snack bars)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/FoodEstablishmentInspectionReport_021116FinalRev01.pdf

Application for Permit (previously two documents-application and plan review) (REVISED 3/10/16)



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https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/FoodApplication_03102016FinalRev02.pdf

Temporary Food Establishment Application (There is now one application regardless of event length) (REVISED 3/21/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/TemporaryFoodEstablishmentApplication_03212016FinalRev03.pdf

Variance Application

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/VarianceApplication_04082016FinalRev01.1.pdf

Vomit and Diarrhea Event Cleanup Guides

Food facilities permitted by NMED are required to have a cleanup plan to respond to vomiting and diarrheal events. The posters below will help you achieve this requirement.

English Version (NEW 3/1/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/NorovirusIncident_8.5x11_English_Color.pdf

Spanish Version (New 3/1/16)

https://www.env.nm.gov/fod/Food_Program/documents/NorovirusIncident_8.5x11_Spanish_Color.pdf

Pet Dogs on Outdoor Patios

Pet dogs may be allowed on outdoor patios under certain circumstances and restrictions. Please see 6-501.115(6) in the Field Guide for further details.

As stated in this section, signage approved by NMED-EHB is required. You are welcome to create your own sign and submit it to your [local field office](#) for approval, or you may use [this sign](#) that is "pre-approved".



If you have further questions concerning the regulations or the comment process please email or call us at:
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