



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE • COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

FOOD WORKER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

County of Riverside Ordinance No. 567.2 (Riverside County Code 8.44) requires anyone whose job includes the handling of food, beverages, or utensils be certified in safe food handling practices. This program is called the Food Worker's Certification Program and its primary goal is to prevent foodborne illness. All employees must have a current Food Worker's Certificate within **TWO WEEKS** of beginning employment in a food facility.

To receive a Food Worker's Certificate, you must read the Food Worker's Manual and take and pass a 50 question multiple-choice examination. A passing score is 35 or more correct answers. There is a minimal fee charged to take the exam. **Fees must be paid in cash or by money order prior to taking the exam.** Exams are given at the following office locations:

- Riverside – 4065 County Circle Dr. Ste. 104,, Riverside, CA 92503
- Hemet – 800 S. Sanderson Ave. Ste. 200, Hemet, CA 92545
- Palm Springs – 554 S Paseo Dorotea, Palm Springs, CA 92264
- Indio – 47-950 Arabia St. Ste. A, Indio, CA 92201
- Murrieta – 38740 Sky Canyon Dr., Murrieta, CA 92563
- Corona – 2275 S. Main St. Ste. 204, Corona, CA 92882

A Food Worker's Certificate will be issued to you once you have passed the exam. The certificate is valid for two years and it must be displayed at your place of employment. Photocopies will not be accepted at your worksite.

A person who fails the exam may retake it within one week. The exam may be taken a maximum of two additional times within seven days of the initial testing date at no additional charge. If a certificate is lost or a second certificate is needed for an additional job site, a duplicate may be issued for a reduced fee. You must know approximately what month you took the exam and you will need to present valid identification.

The Food Worker's Manual is printed in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese and is available at no charge each of the locations listed above. The exam is printed in these languages as well. If the applicant has difficulty reading or understanding the exam, they may make arrangements to bring someone with them to assist with translation. For more information concerning exam fees, times, dates, or for arranging group testing for groups of 20 or more employees please contact the Environmental Health office nearest you.

*Document available in an alternate format upon request

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For more information call (888) 722-4234

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