Food Handler Training Determination Tree

Do you work in a food service establishment and handle unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food-contact surfaces?

Yes

Food Handler training required. Do you work in a food service establishment where food is intended for immediate or on-site consumption such as fast food restaurants, full service restaurants, bars with food, concession stands etc.

Yes

Restaurants

All food handlers working in restaurants shall have training completed by July 1, 2014.

Food handler courses with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approval can be found on the ANSI website at: https://www.ansica.org/wwwversion2/outside/ALLdirectoryListing.asp?menuID=212&prgID=228&status=4 (states California, but can also be used in Illinois) The course and assessment can be completed online, 24 hours/day and does not need to be monitored by an instructor. Upon passing the assessment, the certificate is immediately available to print.

A local health department that has a Department approved training program may provide training for restaurants. For a list of all local health departments: http://www.idph.state.il.us/local/alpha.htm

Any business with an internal training program approved in another state prior to August 27, 2013.

Training Certificate is valid for three years.

No

Do you work in the kitchen of a nursing home, licensed day care home or facility, hospital, school, long-term care facility or a retail food store?

Yes

Non-restaurant

All food handlers working in non-restaurants shall have training completed by July 1, 2016.

Any food handler training course that has been registered and approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health is acceptable for food handlers in non-restaurants.

Those working in non-restaurants are not required to take another food handler training unless they go to work for another employer except for nursing homes, licensed day care homes and facilities, hospitals, schools, and long-term care facilities training is valid for 3 years.

Food handler training for those working in non-restaurants is not transferable

No

Refer to restaurant training requirements

No

Food handler training is not required.