

290-5-14-.09 Certification and Standardization of Environmental Health Personnel.

(1) Responsibilities and Requirements. All Environmental Health personnel who are assigned responsibilities in food service plan review, permitting, inspecting or other means of enforcing this Chapter, will successfully complete:

(a) **Nationally Recognized Food Safety Training Program.** A nationally recognized food safety training program approved by the department and a professionally validated examination that is accredited by the Conference for Food Protection, prior to acquiring food service program responsibilities;

(b) **Standardization.** Standardization in food safety inspection techniques, obtained through a program approved by the Department, within two years of acquiring food service program responsibilities; and

(c) **Food Safety Related CEU Credit.** Eight hours of food safety related CEU credit every two years.

(2) Record of Training, Standardization and CEU Credit. A record of training, standardization and CEU credit for Environmental Health personnel shall be maintained in the office where each Environmental Health employee works.

(3) Time Frame. All Environmental Health personnel currently having responsibilities enforcing this Chapter when it is adopted, must obtain the credentials as specified in subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this Rule within two years of implementation of this Chapter.

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