



OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOOD PROTECTION RULE 3701-21-25

Ohio's Food Protection certification program consists of two levels of training (person in charge & manager) designed to educate food personnel on effective food safety practices for preventing foodborne illness.

PERSON IN CHARGE Certification in Food Protection

Person-In-Charge (PIC) Certification in Food Protection is a mandated training for the designated person in charge for each shift of a risk level I, II, III, and IV food service operation or retail food establishment if any of the following apply:

- A food service operation or a retail food establishment initially licensed **after March 1, 2010** unless the individual has successfully completed an equivalent or more comprehensive manager certification in food protection course (Manager Certification).
- A food service operation or retail food establishment has been implicated in a **foodborne disease outbreak**.
- The licensor has **documented a failure to maintain sanitary conditions** in accordance with section 3717.29 of the Revised Code for a retail food establishment or section 3717.49 of the Revised Code for a food service operation.

Manager Certification in Food Protection

The Manager Certification in Food Protection program is a more extensive training that provides managers with in-depth knowledge of proper food safety practices for use in their facilities. The Ohio Department of Health has administered the Manager Certification in Food Protection program since 1973.

Beginning March 1, 2017, each risk level III and risk level IV food service operation and retail food establishment is required to have at least one employee with supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct and control food preparation and service that has obtained the Ohio Manager Certification in food protection.

UPDATED LIST OF PROVIDERS CAN BE FOUND AT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WEBSITE UNDER FOOD:
<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/food-safety-program/food-safety-certification/food-safety-certification>