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**To:** All Local Health Department and other Indiana Food Regulatory Agencies

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**Subject:** How to identify a valid Indiana's Certification of Food Handler Certificate versus a Food Handler Training Certificate

Indiana's Certification of Food Handler Rule 410 IAC 7-22 requires one Certified Food Handler per affected establishment. There are now four (4) ANSI-CFP accredited organizations. The first 3 listed below provide training and testing whereas 360training.com provides on-line training only and will refer trainees to a proctor who will administer an ANSI-CFP accredited Food Manager Exam and Certification.

[National Restaurant Association](#) ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Program  
[National Registry](#) (Environmental Health Testing, LLC) Food Protection Manager Certification Program  
[Prometric, Inc.](#) Food Protection Manager Certification Program  
[360training.com](#) Food Protection Manager Certification Program

Recently ANSI created an ANSI accredited Food Handler Certificate Program. The program that includes a certificate is offered online from ServSafe®, National Registry, and Prometric. The look of the certificate is similar to the Certified Food Manager certificate due to also having an ANSI logo. The course is a basic training for anyone working with food. This course is required in some states and ANSI was asked to accredit this training to assure quality. The content and scope of the training is not equal to the Food Manager Certification. This certificate course is not proctored, is not CFP approved and does not meet the requirements of 410 IAC 7-22. The certificate that is valid in Indiana will contain an ANSI logo and a CFP logo, Food Manager wording rather than Food Handler wording and will be valid for 5 years. The online food handler training while not meeting the requirements of 410 IAC 7-22 can be recommended to facilities or organizations looking for a quality basic course for food service employees needing a basic understanding of food safety such as truck drivers, home-based vendors, or not-for-profits.

Example: Food Manager Certificate



Example: Food Handler Certificate

