

Alberta Food Safety Certification

Food Safety Training Requirements in Alberta

The Alberta Food Regulation (AR 31/2006) requires that at least one person in care and control of a food facility be certified in food safety. Here is a list of Alberta approved certificates:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/health-recognized-food-safety-courses-alberta.pdf>.

When six or more food handlers are working on-site (this includes serving staff) a certified person must be at the facility. When five or fewer food handlers are working on-site, the certified person may be off-site.

This rule applies to the following food facilities:

- Bakeries
- Bars and lounges
- Butcher shops
- Cafeterias
- Caterers
- Convenience stores, except those stores selling only pre-packaged foods and coffee
- Delicatessens
- Mobile food trucks, except those trucks selling only pre-packaged foods and coffee
- Restaurants
- Social care facilities, like daycares and senior homes, serving food to 10 or more clients
- Work camps (staff holding an approved certificate must be onsite at all times).

Alberta Health Services strongly recommends food safety training for everyone who handles food, but the following food facilities do not require food safety certification:

- Bed and breakfasts
- Convenience, grocery stores, and food facilities that handle pre-packaged foods only
- Farmers' market vendors
- Temporary food booths at special events
- Social care facilities, like daycares and senior homes, serving less than 10 clients
- Private homes selling low-risk home prepared food.

Please note that your Public Health Inspector may require additional food safety training for a person, even if they are normally exempt from certification requirements, based on observations made during a food safety inspection. Find out more about food safety training at

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/Page3151.aspx> or contact your local Environmental Public Health office at [ahs.ca/eph](https://www.ahs.ca/eph).

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