

Level 1 Certification (Food Handler's Course)



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Requirements

All food operations, including license risk level 1, 2, 3, and 4, are required to have at least one person-in-charge per shift certified in Level One Food Protection. Some operations that opened prior to March 1, 2010 are not required, but encouraged, to have one person in charge per shift certified in Level One Food Protection. OAC 3701-21-25(I). All entry level food workers would benefit from this training.

A Level 1 Certification can be obtained by attending an in person training offered by an approved provider and passing the exam offered as part of the class, or by completing an online training and passing the online exam. (No proctor is required).

In Person Training

The Environmental Specialist that inspects your facility may be able to schedule an in person class for your staff if there are at least 15 students that will be in the class.

Online Training

ServSafe® offers an approved online Level 1 Training course that can be accessed by following the steps below:

(When using Google Chrome)

- Go to the ServSafe® website: www.servsafe.com
- Click on the "SERVSAFE FOOD HANDLER"
- On "Get Started Now" enter "Ohio" in the "ENTER STATE" box
- Click "SUBMIT"
- Scroll down to "ServSafe Food Handler Ohio Online Course and Exam 6th Ed."
- Click "ADD TO CART"
- Create a new profile if you do not have one
- Follow the directions from there to purchase the online course

A complete list of other approved online Level 1 training course can be found at:

http://www.healthspace.com/Clients/Ohio/Ohio_Website_Live.nsf/FoodCertifications.xsp

Type "online" in the box labeled county

Course content: Food source, personal hygiene and handwashing, cross contamination, cleaning/sanitizing of equipment and utensils, and proper cooking, cooling, and holding of food.