

# Inspection Report Item 2: Certified Food Protection Manager

Code References: IAC 481.31.1(2), FDA Food Code 2-102.12(A)

## What is the Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) requirement?

At least one employee that has supervisory and management responsibility and the authority to direct *and* control food preparation and service shall be a certified food protection manager who has *shown proficiency of required information through passing a test* that is part of an accredited program. The following in BOLD are ANSI Accredited Programs from [www.ansica.org](http://www.ansica.org)

## Why is certification important?

Food establishments that have CFPMs on staff were found to have fewer violations related to inspection items that are directly related to foodborne illness. Being a certified food protection manager shows that one has the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to oversee the safe storage, preparation and sale of food to the public.

## Food establishments with certified food managers typically.....



have better food  
**safety practices**  
and **behaviors**.



have fewer  
instances of  
**foodborne illness**



are less likely to have  
**serious violations** on  
their **inspections**

## How do I obtain my certification?

Certification is obtained by successfully passing an examination. The following in BOLD are ANSI Accredited Programs from [www.ansica.org](http://www.ansica.org)

### ❖ **360training.com, Inc.**

- Learn2Serve Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- On-line Food Manager course, in person exam proctored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testcenter

### ❖ **AboveTraining/StateFoodSafety.com**

- Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Exam
- On-line Food Manager course, in person exam proctored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party test center
- On-line exam available (see website for details)
- Courses available in English and Spanish
- Website and resources available in multiple languages

### ❖ **National Registry of Food Safety Professionals**

- Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- On-line Food Manager course, in person exam at a Pearson Vue testing center
- International Certified Food Safety Manager courses available

### ❖ **National Restaurant Association**

- ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- On-line Food Manager course, in person exam proctored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testcenter
- On-line classes in multiple languages
- In person classes and exams offered through the [Iowa Restaurant Association](#) and through many local County Extension offices and [ISU Extension](#).

### ❖ **Prometric Inc.**

- Food Protection Manager Certification Program
- On-line course, in person testing at a proctored location