



How to Obtain a Toronto Food Handler Certificate

A Certified Toronto Food Handler Certificate is a membership requirement for IATSE Local 411 Craftservice Providers.

In June 2006, Toronto City Council passed a bylaw requiring Food Handler certification for Food Handlers - [Bylaw 678-2006](#). This Bylaw came into effect on September 1, 2006.

To comply with the requirements, you must obtain the certificate by successfully passing an examination from a recognized Food Handler certification course and applying for a Food Handler certificate issued by the Toronto Public Health Medical Officer.

How to obtain the Certificate:

Option 1)

Food Handler Certification Program Classroom Instruction

- Course length: 6 hours
- Includes: Course Manual, Class Instruction, and Exam - \$74.20*
- Prepayment is required by sending a cheque or money order (payable to "Treasurer, City of Toronto") to: Food Handler Certification Program
Toronto Public Health, 2340 Dundas Street West, Toronto ON M6P 4A9
- In prearranged circumstances, payment can be made at the time of the class.

Option 2)

Food Handler Certification Program Home Study

- Self paced study
- Exam length: 1 hour for exam
- Includes: Exam and certificates only - \$31.80*. Course Manuals are offered for sale by calling 416-338-3663. Arrangements can be made to have the Manuals picked up at the regional offices or they can be mailed for an additional cost. **Note: You can download a PDF version of the manual from the website for free.*

Option 3)

Attend a Food Handler certification course offered by a private company accredited by Toronto Public Health and then

Food Handler Training Program offered by a private company accredited by Toronto Public Health

- Course length: 6 hours of instruction followed by an exam
- Successfully pass the exam and obtain a valid certificate issued by Toronto's Medical Officer of Health.
- The Food Handler Certificate issued by Toronto Public Health is recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Health and other Health Departments in Ontario and is valid for five years
- Course instructors are Certified Public Health Inspectors.
- Attend any course offered in the Toronto area.

**For more information and to register for the Toronto Food Handler Certification course or exam please
call: 416-338-3663**

or

visit the website: <http://app.toronto.ca/foodhandler/pub/pubIndex.jsp>

**Please note: certification options and fees may change without notice. Please confirm this information directly with the Toronto Food Handler Certification office. Thank you.*