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To: All Local Health Departments and other Indiana Food Regulatory Agencies
From: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS, Director
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Subject: Entry level on line training and testing programs not CFP/ANSI accredited

Indiana's Certification of Food Handler Rule, 410 IAC 7-22, requires one Certified Food Handler per affected establishment.

To obtain this certification, the food employee/owner must pass an ANSI (American National Standards Institute) accredited exam. The ANSI accredited exam approved by the Conference for Food Protection and recognized in the current FDA Model Food Code is the only exam(s) that meets Indiana Law. The exam must be proctored, the certificate will be from one of three (3) accredited testing organizations and will contain the ANSI accredited statement and logo.

Name of Accredited Testing Organizations	Color of Accredited Certificate
National Registry™	Green
Prometric™	Grayish Blue
ServSafe™	White

Non-Accredited Examinations

ServSafe™, National Registry™, and others are now offering training for food workers, usually "on-line", that includes a certificate of completion. We have no objections to additional training for food handlers but these courses cannot be recognized as meeting the Certified Food Handler requirement. The courses are meant as a basic course for anyone working with food. This type of course may be required in some states or companies for all employees.

The exams for these trainings are not proctored and the certificates do not contain the ANSI accreditation statement or symbol. The non-accredited exams we are aware of are costing less than the accredited exam, somewhere in the \$10 -\$15 range. National Registry's™ employee training, "First Principals", has a cream colored certificate and ServSafe's™ course, ServSafe Starters™ is the same color as the accredited certificate but does not contain the ANSI logo.

Therefore, these certificates of completion do not constitute compliance with Rule 410 IAC 7-22 and would be cited as a violation if no other accredited exam certificate is provided.

Please feel free to contact your area Field Representative or this office at 317-233-7360.