



1) What is a food handler card?

It is a card issued to an individual after successful completion of a Food Handler Training Program

2) Who needs to get a food handler card?

All Food Employees, which means any individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food contact surfaces in an Environment Department permitted food facility.

3) Where is a food handler card required?

State of New Mexico Environment Department Jurisdiction

4) Who does not need a food handler card?

- a. *Certified Food Protection Managers*
- b. *Food Employees of Temporary Food Establishments, as long as there is a Person in Charge present in the booth during all hours of operation that has a valid Certified Food Protection Manager certificate or has a valid Food Handler Card*
- c. *Food Employees or volunteers working as Food Employees for charitable organizations serving the needy, as long as there is a Person in Charge during all hours of operation that has a valid Certified Food Protection Manager certificate*
- d. *Employees who do not function as Food Employees (examples include: host or cashier)*

5) Where can I get a food handler card?

Any of the companies on this website are approved to issue Food Handler Cards in NM: ?

<http://www.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing.aspx?prgID=237,238&statusID=4>

6) How long do I have to obtain a food handler card?

Existing employees – You must obtain one before March 1, 2017

New employees hired after March 1, 2017 – Must obtain one within 30 calendar days from the beginning of employment.

7) Is my food handler card still valid if my place of employment changes?

Yes, as long as it is not expired. The card is your property and should remain in your possession.

8) How much does a food handler card cost?

As of March 1, 2016 online classes range from \$7 – \$20.

9) How long is the card valid?

Food Handler Cards are valid for three years from the date of issuance.