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## **PENNSYLVANIA'S FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

*(Course approval granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture)*



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# FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

The Pennsylvania Food Safety Certification Program is a 15-hour home study course developed by the American Association of Meat Processors. Upon completion of the required study period, you can contact Nancy Matakó by phone (717) 367-1168 or by email [nancym@aamp.com](mailto:nancym@aamp.com) to schedule your test at the AAMP office in Elizabethtown, PA.

The program meets the requirements as outlined in 76.7 of Chapter 76, the Food Employee Certification Regulations.

The course puts particular emphasis on food preparation, handling, serving, retailing, wholesaling, food service, catering, and distribution operations in which meat, poultry, seafood and other exotic species (including bison, ostrich, emu, farm-raised venison), may be featured in raw or processed form, or used as an ingredient. Other foods and food products are also covered in the parameters of this course, but emphasis has been placed on dealing with food products which may have a high impact on public health if they are mishandled.

A minimum score of 70% is required to pass the exam. The instructor of proctor at the test site will certify your test results to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and submit a Food Employee Certification Request Application with a check for \$20 on your behalf.

The Department of Agriculture will process your request for certification within thirty (30) days and mail you a certificate that will be valid for five (5) years. To be re-certified after the five (5) years, you must then obtain at least seven and one-half (7.5) hours of approved continuing education in the area of food safety and sanitation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the AAMP office.

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