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What is Certification?

The Act requires one supervisory employee per establishment to become certified in food safety and sanitation. The Act does not require the certified person to be on premises during all hours of business.

The initial certification will be for five (5) years. Re-certification will be every five years thereafter. The certification training may be obtained through classroom, computer-based, combination home study/classroom, or home study. The minimum hours required for initial certification is fifteen (15). Seven and one-half (7.5) hours of instruction are needed to meet re-certification requirements.

New establishments will have 90 days to comply with the Act; existing establishments which are not in compliance due to employee turnover or other loss of certified person shall have three (3) months from the date of loss to comply.