



Northeast Tri County Health District

Food & Beverage Worker Card

How to obtain a food & beverage worker card:

1. Complete the online Food & Beverage Worker Card Training & Testing. Visit www.netchd.org and follow the link to the food and beverage worker online training.
2. For those who do not have internet access a training center is located at the Northeast Tri County Health District offices listed below. Training centers will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Online Food & Beverage Worker Card Training & Testing:

Go to the Northeast Tri County Health District website, www.netchd.org, and click on the link to the food worker training. There you will log in, view the training information, take the test, pay for and print the food worker card. The site is operated by our partner Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and is the only online training program authorized to provide valid Food and Beverage Worker Cards in Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties.

Training Center Locations:

Ferry County – 147 N. Clark, Suite 1, Republic, WA 99166

Stevens County – 240 E. Dominion, Colville, WA 99114

Pend Oreille County – 605 Highway 20, Newport, WA 99156

Training centers are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Ferry and Pend Oreille County offices are closed on Fridays.

WHO NEEDS A FOOD WORKER CARD: If you work in a food service establishment you are required to have a valid food worker card. This includes cashiers, bussers, baggers, stockers & dishwashers. It also includes volunteers who work in food banks, service groups or school concessions. Temporary food booths are required to have at least one person in charge with a card at all times during operation.

HOW SOON IS A CARD NEEDED: You can work up to 14 days before you get your card if you get food safety training from your employer first.

WHAT IS THE COST: If you take the online training you can pay the \$10.00 fee by credit or debit card. If you take the training at a training center located at a Health District office you may pay the \$10.00 fee in cash, debit or credit card.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: You will learn how to handle food in a safe manner. You will learn what the leading cause of food borne illness is.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES THE CLASS TAKE: Allow approximately 1 to 1¼ hour if doing the online training or using the training center.

WHO CAN TAKE THE CLASS: The online training and training centers are open to anyone who wants to receive a food worker card.

HOW LONG THE CARDS ARE GOOD: New cards are good for 2 years. Renewals are good for 3 or 5 years. If you are renewing your card, you still need to do the online training or take the training at a training center. You can apply for a renewal card from 1 to 60 days prior to your current cards expiration date. To renew a card for a 3 year renewal taking the online training or using the training center, you must log in with the same information supplied when getting your first card online and indicate during the log in that you are a "returning user". You may contact the Health District at 509-684-2262 if you need help or assistance.

To receive a 5-year renewal, you must provide proof that you attended and passed a Serve Safe class, or other class approved by DOH, in the past two years.

WHERE ARE THE CARDS GOOD: All Washington State food worker cards are good anywhere in Washington State.