How to Obtain a Food & Beverage Worker Card

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.

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 food worker card at all times during operation.

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

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, check, debit or credit card. If using a debit or credit card there is a $2.00 service fee.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: You will learn how to handle food in a safe manner and preventing food borne illness (FBI).

HOW MUCH TIME DOES THE CLASS TAKE: Allow approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour if completing 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 ARE CARDS VALID: New cards are valid for 2 years. Renewals are valid for 2, 3, or 5 years. If you are renewing your card, you still need to take the online training. 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, you must log in with the original username and password and select “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 an ANSI accredited course such as ServSafe.

WHERE ARE THE CARDS VALID: All Washington State food worker cards are valid anywhere in Washington.

Training Center Locations and Hours
Ferry County – 147 N. Clark, Suite 1, Republic, WA 99166
Hours for Testing: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM to 11:00AM and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Stevens County – 240 E. Dominion, Colville, WA 99114
Pend Oreille County – 605 Highway 20, Newport, WA 99156
Hours for Testing in Stevens & Pend Oreille: Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM