



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Environmental Health Protection-Retail Food

CERTIFIED FOOD MANAGER

What you need to know:

- September 7, 2019 Arkansas put in- to effect NEW Rules Pertaining to Retail Food Establishments
- Biggest Change– at least ONE employee that has supervisory and management responsibility shall be a certified food protection manager.

Commonly Asked Questions

- **When do I have to get my certification?** *January 2021*
- **Do I have to get this Certification every year?** *The certifications are valid for 5 years*
- **I have certification from a program not on the list will that count.** *No, these are the only accepted programs and certifications*
- **How does my inspector know I have my certification?** *Each facility shall have a copy of their Certification available for inspector and public to review (most post on wall)*
- **How many people must have the Certification?** *One employee that has managerial or supervisory authority / duties at the facility*
- **Does the Certified Food Manager (CFM) have to be at the facility at all times?** *No*
- **How much does the certification cost?** *The cost varies for each program*
- **What facilities are required to get this certification?** *Any facility with a retail food permit from the Arkansas Department of Health that handles and prepares food.*



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