



Memorandum
State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
Protection
Division of Food Safety

DATE: September 13, 2016

TO: Wisconsin Retail and Restaurant Businesses

FROM: Peter Haase, Director, Bureau of Food and Recreational Businesses

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of Certified Food Manager (CFM) certificate issuance

Beginning on November 1, 2016, Wisconsin DATCP (formerly DHS) will no longer be issuing Wisconsin Certified Food Manager certificates (CFM). A recent evaluation of the current program has established that successful completion of an approved national food manager's course and exam is equivalent to holding a valid Wisconsin CFM certificate; therefore, we are simplifying the process for businesses and their employees and we are removing the extra steps of submitting course completion documentation and a fee to the State to obtain another certificate. We will also discontinue the renewal of previously held CFM certificates, however these will remain valid and acceptable until the expiration date listed on the certificate. To meet regulatory requirements, simply instruct individuals who successfully pass a Food Safety Manager course to post the course completion certificate (taken within the past 5 years) in their facility, for review by WDATCP or Agent Health Department inspection staff.

WDATCP values food safety training because it has been proven that workers who complete these courses provide safer food to the public. We are confident these changes will maintain high standards while simplifying the process of complying with regulatory requirements.