

1 **Food Safety Manager Certification Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Verona Mauga

Senate Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill extends the period for food safety manager certification renewal.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

7 ▶ extends the period for food safety manager certification renewal from three years to five
8 years.

9 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

10 None

11 **Other Special Clauses:**

12 None

13 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

14 AMENDS:

15 **26B-7-412**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 308

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

17 Section 1. Section **26B-7-412** is amended to read:

18 **26B-7-412 . Certified food safety manager.**

- 19 (1) Before a person may manage a food service establishment as a certified food safety
20 manager, that person shall submit documentation in the format prescribed by the
21 department to the appropriate local health department indicating a passing score on a
22 department-approved examination.
- 23 (2) To continue to manage a food service establishment, a certified food safety manager
24 shall:
- 25 (a) successfully complete, every [~~three~~] five years, renewal requirements established by
26 department rule which are consistent with original certification requirements; and
- 27 (b) submit documentation in the format prescribed by the department within 30 days of
28 the completion of renewal requirements to the appropriate local health department.
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- 31 (3) A local health department may deny, revoke, or suspend the authority of a certified food
32 safety manager to manage a food service establishment or require the completion of
33 additional food safety training courses for any one of the following reasons:
- 34 (a) submitting information required under Subsection (1) or (2) that is false, incomplete,
35 or misleading;
 - 36 (b) repeated violations of department or local health department food safety rules; or
 - 37 (c) operating a food service establishment in a way that causes or creates a health hazard
38 or otherwise threatens the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 39 (4) A determination of a local health department made pursuant to Subsection (3) may be
40 appealed by a certified food safety manager in the same manner provided for in
41 Subsection 26B-7-410(4).
- 42 (5) No person may use the title "certified food safety manager," or any other similar title,
43 unless the person has satisfied the requirements of this section.
- 44 (6) A local health department:
- 45 (a) may not charge a fee to accept or process the documentation described in
46 Subsections (1) and (2);
 - 47 (b) shall accept photocopies or electronic copies of the documentation described in
48 Subsections (1) and (2); and
 - 49 (c) shall allow an individual to submit the documentation described in Subsections (1)
50 and (2) by mail, email, or in person.
- 51 (7) Certified food safety managers shall:
- 52 (a) establish and monitor compliance with practices and procedures in the food service
53 establishments where they are employed to maintain compliance with department and
54 local health department food safety rules; and
 - 55 (b) perform such other duties that may be necessary to ensure food safety in the food
56 service establishments where they are employed.
- 57 (8)(a) The department shall establish by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
58 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
- 59 (i) statewide, uniform standards for certified food safety managers;
 - 60 (ii) criteria for food safety certification examinations; and
 - 61 (iii) any provisions necessary to implement this section.
- 62 (b) The department shall approve food safety certification examinations in accordance
63 with this section.
- 64 (c) The local health department with jurisdiction over the geographic area in which a

65 food service establishment is located shall enforce the provisions of this section.

66 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

67 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.