



*Ledge Light Health District*  
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**RE: Training Requirements for Persons Engaging in Temporary Event Food Services.**

**Purpose:**

To protect the public health, safety and welfare during the operation of temporary events by ensuring that operators of temporary event food establishments and food booths are knowledgeable in safe food handling practices by receiving proper training in food protection and food-borne illness prevention.

**Definitions:**

**“Temporary food service establishment”** means a food service establishment that operates at a fixed location for a temporary period of time, not to exceed two weeks, in connection with a carnival, circus, public exhibition, festival, celebration or similar transitory gathering.

**“Qualified Food Operator (QFO)”** means a food operator who has demonstrated knowledge, supported by documentation of recognized training and certification, in safe food handling practices. The State of Connecticut currently recognizes the training and certification of the following organizations:

Name or Organization	Phone Number	Website
The Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association (NRA)	1-800-765-2122	<a href="http://www.edfound.org">www.edfound.org</a>
Certifying Board for Dietary Managers	1-800-323-1908	<a href="http://www.dmaonline.org">www.dmaonline.org</a>
Experior Assessments (formerly National Assessment Institute)	1-800-624-2736	<a href="http://www.experioronline.com/food.htm">www.experioronline.com/food.htm</a>
The National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, Inc.	1-800-446-0257	<a href="http://www.NRFSP.com">www.NRFSP.com</a>

1. The State of Connecticut Public Health Code, section 19-13-B42 (4) requires that each person owning or operating a Class III and Class IV food service establishment shall be a QFO or shall employ on site at least one QFO who is in a supervisory position.
2. Temporary food service establishments serving food and drink shall comply with all the provisions of the code that are applicable to their operation. (see *B42 (s)(2)* )
3. The local Director of health may augment such requirements when needed to assure the service of safe food. (see *sec. B42 (s) (2)* )
4. The Ledge Light Health District recognizes that temporary event food services are unique in that:
  - They may provide all classifications of food services at locations with limited food preparation and storage capacity.
  - They are usually located away from permanent utilities such as electrical and water supplies, sewage and waste water disposal sites.
  - Such utilities may be intermittent or disrupted
  - They are exposed to the outdoor environment (precipitation, dust, insects, etc.).

**Policy:**

Each applicant for a temporary food service permit shall provide documentation, satisfactory to the Director of Health, of a QFO who shall be present when the booth is operating. **If no QFO is available the applicant shall receive temporary event food training, provided free of charge by the district, before receiving a permit.** It is the duty of the applicant to apply within a timely manner (two weeks prior to the event) to ensure access to the prescribed training.