

CPFM Information Bulletin For Certification Candidates

About the Examination

The Certified Professional Food Managers (CPFM) examination/food safety program is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and recognized by the Conference for Food Protection. The exam is available in English and bilingual versions of English/Spanish, English/Traditional Chinese, English/Vietnamese and English/Korean in the paper/pencil format. It is offered in English and English/Spanish and English/Korean in the Internet-based (IBT) format and in English in the computer-based (CBT) testing center format.

The examination is a closed-book proctored exam. The exam contains 80 questions in multiple-choice format with four answer options available for each question. Candidates are allowed two hours to complete the exam.

Content Outline Overview

The content outline below is the basis of the exam. It lists all subjects covered by each exam and approximate percentage of questions asked about each topic.

Subject Area	Percent
Principles of Food Safety	47
Foodborne Illness	24
Food Safety Education	7
Facilities and Equipment	14
Integrated Pest Management	4
Food Safety Regulations	4

Exams published after July 2008 are comprised of test items at a reduced level of difficulty in accordance with recommendations approved by the CPFM National Examination Council in 2007. The minimum passing score for all exams is 70% unless designated otherwise by a jurisdictional governmental agency.

References

The references listed below were used to develop the CPFM exam. While these references may be helpful as study guides, they are not allowed in the exam room.

No other reference materials, loose papers or handwritten notes will be permitted in the exam room. Prometric reserves the right to exclude any materials from the exam room.

References used to create the CPFM exam

1	<i>2009 United States Food Code</i>
2	<i>Certified Professional Food Manager: Course Manual</i> , 2010 Edition, NEHA National Environmental Health Association 720 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite 1000-N, Denver, CO 80246-1926, support@neha.org; www.neha.org.

Paper/Pencil Answer Sheets and Scoring

Candidates may **not** write in the exam booklets. Proctors must provide candidates with specific directions for completing answer sheets to ensure that the exam will be scored accurately.

All answers must be marked on the separate answer sheets provided with the exam booklets. Exams will not be scored if the answer sheet has not been completed.

Exam Delivery Options

There are three delivery options for the CPFM exams: paper/pencil, Internet based (IBT) and computer based at a testing center (CBT).

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