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Qualifying for Certification

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This chapter explains the prerequisite training and experience requirements for CANDIDATES to qualify for CERTIFICATION. In order for OHA to engage in the process of field inspections for the purpose of STANDARDIZATION and CERTIFICATION, the CANDIDATE must qualify by fulfilling the training and experience requirements specified in this chapter. These eligibility requirements only apply to first time APPLICANTS for STANDARDIZATION and CERTIFICATION. Once CERTIFIED, CANDIDATES for recERTIFICATION only need to meet the CERTIFICATION maintenance requirements (see Section 3-403).

2-102 Eligibility.

(A) APPLICANTS for initial CERTIFICATION must:

- (1) Be a Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the State of Oregon;
- (2) Be routinely engaged in FOOD protection program work;

- (3) Have job responsibility for conducting FOOD safety training and/or STANDARDIZATION of other regulatory personnel;
 - (4) Have successfully completed within the preceding 2 years at least 20 contact hours of training in the application of FOOD science and related studies such as microbiology, epidemiology, regulations, plan review or HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) PRINCIPLES; **and**
 - (5) Have fulfilled one or more of the following prerequisites:
 - (a) At least 1 year of full time experience in FOOD ESTABLISHMENT inspections within the past 3 years, or
 - (b) At least one hundred FOOD ESTABLISHMENT inspections performed within the past 3 years, such as enforcement, training, or consultation inspections.
- (B)** When an APPLICANT'S supervisor submits the CERTIFICATION Nomination form (Annex 1) to OHA, the APPLICANT shall provide documentation of having fulfilled the above eligibility requirements. The APPLICANT'S line supervisor must sign and date the nomination form. The completed nomination forms should be submitted to the appropriate OHA office.
- (C)** APPLICANTS who do not meet eligibility requirements may later request CERTIFICATION, after completing the unmet requirements.