

REGULATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH ACT

S.N.S., 1989, CHAPTER 195, SECTION 12,

RESPECTING EATING ESTABLISHMENTS

DEFINITIONS

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:
  - a. "Board of Health" for "Board" means a Board of Health appointed or established under the Health Act;
  - b. "eating establishment" means any premises whether permanent or temporary, fixed or mobile, in which food is prepared or served for human consumption on the premises, in exchange for money or service, and includes so called "take-out" food establishments;
  - c. "Department" means the Provincial Department of Health;
  - d. "food" means any substance, intended for human consumption whether cooked, otherwise processed, or used in its raw state;
  - e. "License" means a license for an eating establishment issued under these regulations;
  - f. "operator" means a person who by himself or his agent owns or operates an eating establishment;
  - g. "course" means a period of instruction in safe food handling practices established and/or approved by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and presented by a Certified Health Inspector.
2. All operators shall successfully complete a recognized course in safe food handling practices presented by a Certified Public Health Inspector.
3. A license to operate an eating establishment will not be issued or renewed by the Board of Health unless the operator of the eating establishment has attended a course in food handling, presented by a Certified Public Health Inspector.
4. All present food service operators shall have attended a course in food handling by December 31, 1993.
5. All new food service operators must attend a recognized course in food handling before opening a business. A grace period of thirty (30) days may be given provided the operator will be working directly with someone having already obtained this course.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the food service operator to ensure that he or she successfully completed this course.
7. The license of the eating establishment may be canceled by the Board upon receiving written notice from the Department that the food service operator has not attended a course in safe food handling practices within the prescribed period of time as set out in these regulations.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Health to provide adequate numbers of courses to carry out the conditions of these regulations.

9. All operators who come in direct contact with food shall be required to attend a recognized refresher course presented by a Certified Public Health Inspector in safe food handling practices every five years.