



CPFM Information Bulletin for Certification Candidates

About the Examination

The Certified Professional Food Managers examination is available in English and bilingual versions of English/Spanish, English/Traditional Chinese, English/Vietnamese, and English/Korean.

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

CPFM Exam Content Outline

Content Areas	No. Questions on Test
I. Principles of Food Safety	32
II. Foodborne Illness	16
III. Food Personnel & Hygienic Practices	16
IV. Facilities Maintenance and Operations	11
V. Pest Management	3
VI. Regulatory Issues	2

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 percent unless designated otherwise by a jurisdictional governmental agency. No 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.

Test Delivery Options

Test administrators may deliver the exam by paper/pencil, computer-based or Internet-based.

References

All items on the CPFM exam have been dually referenced to the following sources:

- *2005 United States Food Code*
- *Certified Professional Food Manager: Course Manual, 3rd Edition, 2005.*

Paper/Pencil Answer Sheets & Scoring

Candidates may **NOT** write in the test booklets. Test administrators must provide candidates with specific directions for completing answer sheets to ensure that the test will be scored accurately.

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

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