

Illinois Food Handler Card Cost Checklist

What you'll pay, what's included, and questions to ask before you buy

Typical Price Range

Basic online course (video + single exam attempt)	\$8-\$10
Standard course (2 exam attempts, printable card)	\$10-\$15
Premium course (multi-language, mailed card, bulk options)	\$15-\$20
SafePrep exam prep (before your official exam)	\$2.99

Illinois does not charge a state fee. Every dollar you pay goes to the training provider, not the government. Price does not affect whether your card is valid — any ANAB-accredited provider satisfies the legal requirement under 410 ILCS 625/3.06.

What's Included at Each Price Point

- Basic (\$8-\$10): training video, one exam attempt, digital certificate only
- Standard (\$10-\$15): training video, two exam attempts, printable card
- Premium (\$15-\$20): multiple languages, mailed physical card, employer bulk pricing

Before You Pay — Ask the Provider

- ☐ Is this course ANAB-accredited? (Required under Illinois law)
- ☐ How many exam attempts are included before I have to restart?
- ☐ Is the certificate valid for 3 years?
- ☐ Is my printable card accepted statewide, or only by certain employers?
- ☐ Is there a Spanish-language or other translated option if I need it?

Avoid Paying Twice

Most providers give you only **two attempts** to pass the final exam. Fail both, and you'll need to restart — and pay — the entire course again. A short study session before your official exam is the cheapest way to avoid that cost.

Study first for \$2.99 — foodsafetymadeeasy.com/illinois-food-handler-card