Training course on Allergen Awareness and Management

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Tourism and hospitality	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles of **food allergies and intolerances** and their impact on public health.
2. Identify the **"Big 9" major food allergens** and other common sensitivities.
3. Master rigorous protocols for **allergen identification, labeling, and declaration** on menus and products.
4. Implement advanced strategies for **preventing cross-contamination of allergens** at every stage of food handling.
5. Develop and manage **allergen-safe food procurement and receiving procedures**.
6. Formulate adaptable **menu planning and customization strategies** to accommodate allergy sufferers.
7. Design and execute effective **communication protocols** for allergen information between kitchen, service, and guests.
8. Understand and apply **emergency response procedures** for allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.
9. Develop comprehensive **staff training programs** on allergen awareness and safe handling practices.
10. Leverage **technology solutions** for allergen tracking, menu management, and guest communication.
11. Understand and ensure compliance with relevant **legal and regulatory frameworks** for allergen management.
12. Conduct thorough **allergen audits** and implement corrective actions for continuous improvement.

13. Position their establishment as a leader in providing **safe, inclusive, and trustworthy dining experiences** for all guests.

Target Audience

This course is designed for anyone involved in the preparation, serving, or management of food in commercial settings:

1. **Executive Chefs and Kitchen Managers:** Directly responsible for food preparation and allergen control.
2. **Food and Beverage Directors/Managers:** Overseeing menu development and operational policies.
3. **Front-of-House Staff (Servers, Hosts, Bartenders):** Communicating allergen information to guests.
4. **Restaurant Owners and Operators:** Needing to ensure legal compliance and guest safety.
5. **Catering Managers:** Managing allergen risks for events.
6. **Quality Assurance Managers:** Ensuring compliance with food safety and dietary standards.
7. **Purchasing Managers:** Involved in sourcing ingredients and managing supplier declarations.
8. **Hospitality Students:** Specializing in culinary arts or food and beverage management.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Food Allergies and Intolerances

- Definition of Food Allergy vs. Food Intolerance vs. Celiac Disease.
- Common Symptoms and Severity of Allergic Reactions, including Anaphylaxis.
- The **"Big 9" Major Food Allergens** (US FDA): Milk, Eggs, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Soy, Wheat, Fish, Shellfish, Sesame.
- Other Common Sensitivities and Dietary Restrictions.
- The Growing Prevalence of Food Allergies and its Impact on Food Service.

Module 2: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Allergen Management

- Overview of Key Allergen Labeling Laws (e.g., US FALCPA, EU FIC, UK Natasha's Law).
- Understanding Your Legal Duty of Care and Potential Liabilities.
- Best Practices for Compliance and Record-Keeping.
- The Role of Food Safety Regulations in Allergen Control.
- Consequences of Non-Compliance: Fines, Lawsuits, Reputational Damage.

Module 3: Allergen Identification and Menu Labeling

- Accurately Identifying Allergens in Ingredients and Recipes.
- Developing Clear and Consistent Allergen Declarations on Menus.
- Using Allergen Matrixes and Other Tools for Internal Tracking.
- Communicating "May Contain" Advisories Effectively.
- Ensuring Accurate Labeling for Pre-Packaged Items.

Module 4: Preventing Cross-Contamination: Procurement and Receiving

- Sourcing from Approved Suppliers with Allergen Management Plans.
- Reviewing Ingredient Specifications and Supplier Allergen Declarations.
- Segregating Allergenic Ingredients Upon Receiving.
- Dedicated Storage Areas for High-Risk Allergens.

- Preventing Cross-Contact During Delivery and Unpacking.

Module 5: Preventing Cross-Contamination: Storage and Prep

- Designating Allergen-Safe Storage Areas and Containers.
- Implementing Strict FIFO Rotation for Allergenic Ingredients.
- Color-Coding Systems for Utensils, Cutting Boards, and Containers.
- Dedicated Preparation Stations and Equipment for Allergen-Free Dishes.
- Proper Cleaning and Sanitation of Surfaces and Equipment Between Uses.

Module 6: Allergen-Safe Cooking and Production

- Developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Allergen-Safe Cooking.
- Managing Shared Fryers, Grills, and Ovens.
- Techniques for Cooking with Allergen-Free Alternatives.
- Training Culinary Staff on Allergen-Safe Culinary Practices.
- Managing Complex Recipes with Multiple Allergens.

Module 7: Menu Planning and Customization for Allergies

- Strategies for Designing Inclusive Menus.
- Offering Adaptable Dishes and Customization Options.
- Developing Separate Allergen-Free Menus or Sections.
- Pricing Strategies for Allergy-Friendly Options.
- Balancing Creativity with Allergen Safety.

Module 8: Communication Protocols: Kitchen, Service, and Guest

- Establishing Clear Communication Chains within the Restaurant (Order-to-Plate).
- Training Front-of-House Staff on Allergen Inquiry Handling.
- The Importance of Repeat-Back and Verification Protocols.
- Utilizing Digital Order Systems for Allergen Flags.
- Educating Guests on Allergen Policies and Limitations.

Module 9: Emergency Response to Allergic Reactions

- Recognizing Symptoms of Allergic Reactions, from Mild to Severe.
- Understanding Anaphylaxis and its Urgency.
- Training Staff on Emergency Procedures, including Calling 911/Emergency Services.
- Administering Epinephrine Autoinjectors (EpiPens) if Legally Permitted and Trained.
- Post-Incident Procedures and Documentation.

Module 10: Staff Training and Building an Allergen-Safe Culture

- Developing Comprehensive Allergen Awareness Training Programs for All Staff.
- Implementing Regular Refreshers and Updates.
- Fostering a Culture of Accountability, Vigilance, and Empathy.
- Empowering Staff to "Stop and Ask" if Unsure About Allergens.
- Recognition and Reward for Allergen Safety Compliance.

Module 11: Technology Solutions for Allergen Management

- Utilizing **Allergen Tracking Software** and Databases.

- Integrating Allergen Information with POS and Menu Management Systems.
- Digital Tablets and Apps for Front-of-House Allergen Reference.
- QR Code Menus with Dynamic Allergen Filtering.
- Data Analytics for Identifying Common Allergy Requests and Trends.

Module 12: Allergen Audits, Continuous Improvement, and Future Trends

- Conducting Internal Allergen Audits and Inspections.
- Reviewing and Updating Allergen Management Plans Regularly.
- Learning from Incidents and Near-Misses.
- Emerging Trends in Allergen Research and Management.
- The Future of Allergen Management: Personalized Nutrition, AI, and Enhanced Transparency.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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