

Memo

TO: ALL CUPE MEMBERS
FROM: Vanessa A. Lysne, Human Resources Officer
DATE: June 8, 2018
**RE: FOODSAFE CERTIFICATES EXPIRING
& EA Assignment Meeting**

Please read the following regarding your Foodsafe certificate from the provincial Government:

*As of July 29, 2013, all FOODSAFE Level 1 certificates issued in British Columbia have a five- year expiry date. FOODSAFE Level 1 certificates issued prior to July 29, 2013, are only valid **until July 29, 2018**. To help FOODSAFE Level 1 certificate holders keep their food safety knowledge up to date, a short FOODSAFE Level 1 Refresher course is offered online by [Open School BC](#). The approximately three-hour **Refresher course** covers all the essentials of the FOODSAFE Level 1 training program. A grade of 80% must be achieved in the exam to be recertified. Cost \$45.*

For more info go to www.foodsafe.ca

There are several positions at the EA Assignment meeting requiring FoodSafe. Please ensure your certificate is up-to-date as positions cannot be awarded unless required qualifications are current. You can sign up for the online Refresher course above; please remember to send course completion to Betty in HR for your file.

Should a position be awarded at the Assignment meeting and the FoodSafe certificate has either no expiry date or expires by July 29, 2018 and is not renewed by August 31, 2018, the following article from the Collective Agreement will apply:

Article 16 (V) (I)

An employee who is awarded an education assistant position and is later found to not be qualified for the position will be put on the casual list and the position will be posted.

All CUPE positions requiring FOODSAFE as a qualification will be reimbursed. If you want to obtain your Foodsafe certificate but do not hold a position requiring FoodSafe, or do not claim a position at the Assignment meeting requiring Foodsafe, the cost will not be reimbursed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Vanessa A. Lysne
Human Resources Officer

cc: CUPE
Principals