

Mandatory Shellfish Dealer & Harvester Education Certification

Required for 2015 licenses and permits

DECEMBER (and final) in-person opportunities

***Disregard if you have already completed the training**

BACKGROUND

The [National Shellfish Sanitation Program](#) guidelines now require training and education programs for all shellfish harvesters and certified dealers. This training program is currently being implemented in Virginia and is now required for all 2015 shellfish permits and licenses with Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Division of Shellfish Sanitation (DSS).

The training is free and will be required every two years in Virginia. Completion of the training is a pre-requisite for licensing. The intent is to increase the awareness of temperature control and food handling practices for shellfish to minimize growth of *Vibrio* bacteria.

HARVESTERS

Training is required prior to purchasing 2015 VMRC shellfish licenses and permits. It can be completed online. A limited number of in-person classes are being held to accommodate those without access to the internet. Training is free and takes ~45 minutes – 1 hour.

- Online option <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/training/register.php>
- OR Pre-register for the FREE in-person training opportunity (details below)

DEALERS

This educational requirement is in addition to HACCP requirements. Shellfish dealers must obtain this training within 90 days of initial licensing in order to be listed on the interstate certified shellfish shippers list ([ICSSL](#)). At a minimum, one individual involved in the shellfish operations must obtain the required training. Training is free and takes ~1 hour.

- Online option not currently available
- Pre-register for a FREE in-person training opportunity (details below)

The FINAL IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –preregistration required

Call or email: Karen Hudson at VIMS khudson@vims.edu 804-684-7742
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Harvesters must provide: Full name, VMRC ID and birthdate

December 8, 2014	December 10, 2014	December 12, 2014
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
RCC Warsaw	ESCC	VIMS
Lecture Hall (Rm 122 in main building)	Lecture Hall (Main building - on right when entering campus)	Watermen’s Hall Auditorium
52 Campus Drive	29300 Lankford Highway	1208 Greate Rd
Warsaw	Melfa	Gloucester Point
Agenda:	Agenda:	Agenda:
3:30 pm Dealers	1:00 pm Dealers	1:00 pm Dealers
5:30 pm Harvesters	3:00 pm Harvesters	3:00 pm Harvesters