

Mandatory Shellfish Dealer and Harvester Education Certification

Required for 2015 licenses and permits

**Disregard if you have already completed the course(s)*

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 a 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)

SEPTEMBER IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –preregistration required

Call or email: Karen Hudson at VIMS khudson@vims.edu 804-684-7742
 Danielle Schools, VDH/DSS Danielle.schools@vdh.virginia.gov 804-864-7484

Harvesters must provide: Full name, birthdate and VMRC ID

Dealers must provide: Full name, company name, VDH cert. number

Sept 23, 2014	Sept 24, 2014	Sept 25, 2014	Sept 26, 2014
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
RCC Warsaw	ESCC	DSS Norfolk Field Office	VIMS
Lecture Hall Rm 122 (main building)	Workforce development building Rm 170/180	3rd floor classroom	Watermen’s Hall Auditorium
52 Campus Drive	29300 Lankford Highway	830 Southhampton Dr, Suite 3100	1208 Greate Rd
Warsaw	Melfa	Norfolk	Gloucester Point
Agenda:	Agenda:	Agenda:	Agenda:
1:30 pm Dealers	1:30 pm Dealers	5:30 pm Dealers	1:30 pm Dealers
2:45 pm Harvesters	2:45 pm Harvesters	6:45 pm Harvesters	2:45 pm Harvesters
	<i>*seating limited (60)</i>	<i>*seating limited (40)</i>	