### Description:
The AIB Food Defense Coordinator Certification identifies individuals who have received intensive food defense training and understand the concepts of how to develop and/or evaluate an effective Food Defense Plan to minimize the risk of intentional contamination of a food product. The individual has also developed a skill set to conduct an effective vulnerability assessment to identify hazards, assess the associated risk, and recommend effective mitigation strategies.

### Certification Requirements:
- Completion of the AIB Food Defense Coordinator course (public, private in-plant)
- AND
- Successful completion of the online Food Defense Coordinator Certification Exam by achieving a passing score of at least 80%

### Certification Period:
2 years (through December 31 of the second year)

### Recertification Information:

#### Recertification Requirements and Options:
Obtain a minimum of two (2) hours of continuing education from AIB in the area of food defense during the certification expiration year. Participation in more than one event may be necessary to obtain at least two hours. Options include:
- AIB Food Defense Webinars
- AIB Food Defense Coordinator course (public, private in-plant)

Or, successfully complete the AIB online recertification exam.

**Note:** If more than two hours of training are obtained during the one year recertification period, these cannot be used to extend the certification. The requirement is for a MINIMUM of two hours during each recertification period.

#### Timing:
Training or testing must be successfully completed within the calendar year the certification will expire.

#### Recertification Fee:
The cost of the webinar(s), course, or recertification exam.
| Notification of Expiration: | As a courtesy, AIB will send email notifications prior to the certification expiration date. **It is the responsibility of the person holding the certification to ensure their email information is current in AIB’s database.**  
Note: If you have opted out of receiving email promotions from AIB, you will not receive the emailed expiration notices or information on events that would count toward recertification credits. |
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<td>Lapsed Certifications:</td>
<td>If a Certified Food Defense Coordinator fails to obtain two hours of continuing education or successfully pass the recertification exam during the one year recertification period, the certification is considered expired. In order to re-establish the certification, the individual would need to complete the Food Defense Coordinator course (public, private in-plant) AND successfully complete the online exam with a score of 80% or higher.</td>
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