

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
“RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES”**

The Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of DPHSS is seeking to adopt the attached regulations to repeal and replace the existing “Rules and Regulations Governing the Issuance of Health Certificates.” The proposal will require all applicants seeking a Health Certificate to attend and pass a training course regardless of the type of certificate sought. Currently, only applicants seeking employment at food-related facilities are required to attend such (half-day) course. It is the position of DEH that the expanded, proposed requirements will ensure that individuals obtaining a Health Certificate will receive basic information on disease prevention through effective sanitation controls at their respective employment. Specifically, the following changes were made, in addition to the training requirement:

1. Revised and expanded some of the language for improved clarity and understanding.
2. Expanded the definition of “Health-Regulated Establishment” to encompass other types of facilities regulated by the Division of Environmental Health, DPHSS.
3. Eliminated the word “Massage Therapy” in the definitions and added the term “Therapeutic Massage Establishment” for consistency in the name and description of the operation that are found in other statute and regulations.
4. Added “Swimming Pool” in the definition since it is a health-regulated establishment governed by the Division of Environmental Health, DPHSS.
5. Eliminated the word “Temporary Health Certificate” and its definition. Such certificate will no longer be issued under the proposal.
6. Social Security Number will no longer be requested from applicants seeking a Health Certificate.
7. A credit card with a photograph of the owner can be presented by the applicant as proof of identification.
8. New (i.e., first-time) applicants may not assign an authorized representative to apply for a Health Certificate on his/her behalf; however, renewing applicants will still be permitted to do so.
9. The attendance and passage of a training course provided by DEH will now be required of all applicants in need of a Health Certificate. Thus, barbers, cosmetologists, masseuses, employees of laundry facilities, housekeepers, tattoo artists, and daycare providers, will receive basic education on sanitation and safety specific to their profession.
10. Operators of (public) swimming pools that are regulated by the Division of Environmental Health must obtain a Health Certificate, which includes the attendance and passage of a training course on basic pool sanitation and safety.
11. If so desired, an applicant may take the exam without attending the training course.
12. DEH may enter into an agreement with another GovGuam entity to provide some, or all, of the training courses.
13. Eliminated childhood immunization requirements of those seeking Health Certificates for employment at cosmetic establishments.
14. A single Health Certificate will be issued for all food-related facilities.
15. Refresher training course may be required of applicants renewing their certificates.