



## **Process for obtaining Health Clearance for Food handlers:**

### **A. HEALTH CARD**

1. Food handler must take the **Health Clearance** form and visit private clinic physician for a medical screening. (Fee for a doctor's visit depends on the clinic).
2. The doctor will conduct a medical screening for vital signs (refer to health clearance form).
3. Afterward, the doctor will provide 3 forms (2 Pathology specimen report forms & 1 X-ray form) to the food handler for laboratory & x-ray test at (TTM Hospital, Moto'otua or MTII Hospital).
4. At the laboratory, lab technicians will take 2 specimens from food handlers:
  - i. Stool for Salmonella Typhoid and Blood;
  - ii. Blood for Hepatitis A;

NOTE: X-ray test for Tuberculosis is conducted if it is required by the doctor.

5. The doctor will complete the health clearance based on analysis on the Pathology specimen report forms.
6. The private clinic will notify the food handler when to uplift health clearance forms and attached Pathology specimen report forms.
7. Food handler must submit the Health Clearance form and Pathology specimen report to the Food Safety office (Public Health Services, Motootua – Old Maternity Ward) or MTII Tuasivi Hospital \_ Food Safety Officer.
8. The Health Clearance form and Pathology specimen report will be reviewed by Public Health Doctor.

9. Food handler will be notified of the date to visit the Food Safety office and have their photos taken Upolu & Savaii.
10. The health card will be processed after the photo is taken and submitted to the Director General of Health for endorsement.
11. The Food Safety Office will notify the food handler when to uplift the health card and pay the \$10.00 fee.

## **B. HEALTH CERTIFICATE (Notice of Compliance)**

Health Certificate – Food Businesses

1. Complete the **Health Certificate** application form;
2. Submit the form to the Food Safety and Tobacco Control Unit;
3. The Food Safety team will conduct a health inspection to determine if the application complies with Health Requirements;

For more information call Food Safety and Tobacco Control unit,  
Motootua

Ph: 66726 or 22914 or Savaii office at Tuasivi Ph: 53511

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