

HOW TO GET A WISCONSIN CHEESEMAKER LICENSE

Which situation best describes you?

You have held a Wisconsin cheesemaker **license** within the past 10 years.



You have at least **18 months** of work experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)



You have at least **12 months** of experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)



You have at least **6 months** of work experience as a cheesemaker assistant. (under the supervision of a licensed cheesemaker)



Within the previous 5 years you have completed at least **240 hours** of on-the-job training in the complete process of cheesemaking under the direct supervision of a licensed cheesemaker.



You need to complete one of the following qualifications:

- 1 Complete a **cheesemaking short course** at the University of Wisconsin, or an equivalent course from an accredited post-secondary educational institution, within 10 years prior to the current license application.
- 2 Obtain a **2-year** or greater degree, with a food science or equivalent major, from an accredited post-secondary educational institution.



You need to: hold a **4-year or greater degree**, with a food science or equivalent major, from the University of Wisconsin or another accredited post-secondary educational institution



You need to complete approved courses in all of the following subjects:

- 1 Cheesemaking.
- 2 Production of safe dairy foods.
- 3 Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) process control.
- 4 Principles of milk pasteurization.
- 5 Dairy sanitation.



You qualify to take the Wisconsin cheesemaker license exam!



- 1 Visit the [DATCP website](#)
- 2 Scroll down to Cheesemaker and click **"Start the Licensing Process"**

The licensing process is under the purview of The State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Information taken from [Chapter ATCP 69](#)

You can find a list of **approved courses** from CDR [here](#):

