



Criteria and Submission Requirements for Approval of Wild Harvested Mushroom Identifier Courses

Any course that would be used by a mushroom identifier to sell wild-harvested mushrooms in Georgia shall follow this criteria and submission requirements.

❖ REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTRUCTOR

- Provide resume and references to establish that the person designing and teaching the course is a qualified mushroom identifier. This shall be documented with a minimum of one (1) letter of recommendation from either a college/university or mycological association official.

❖ REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSE AND EXAM

- The course should be designed to meet **ALL** the objectives outlined in the Georgia Department of Agriculture's *Wild Harvested Mushroom Identifier Course Learning Objectives* document.
- The exam should demonstrate that all course objectives have been successfully met by the applicant.
- Provide all course materials including an agenda and the exam for review, along with the certification period, and any requirements for ongoing or continuing education to maintain certification.

❖ ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL

- After completion of the course, a certificate including the applicant's name and the specific types of wild mushrooms they are now certified to identify shall be provided to the individual.
- An electronic database of Wild Mushroom Identifiers; including Identifier's Home Address, Training Date, Training Location, Certificate Expiration, and Mushroom Species endorsed on their certificates; shall be maintained by the course instructor. The database shall be provided to the Department following the completion and delivery of each training course offered, or upon Department request.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

Georgia Department of Agriculture
Food Safety Division
Retail Food Program Manager
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW Room 308
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4201