

Employer Occupational Brief

A guide to apprenticeship training and on-programme assessment



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Overview of the job role

A commis chef is the most common starting position in many kitchens and in principal the most junior culinary role. A commis chef prepares food and carries out basic cooking tasks under the supervision of a more senior chef. The primary objective of the commis chef is to learn and understand how to carry out the basic functions in every section of the kitchen. Therefore having the opportunity to experience, consider and value each section with a view to choosing an area where they feel most inspired. The learning journey of any chef will vary considerably from one individual to the next; however it is necessary to understand and have experience in the basics that this role provides in order to progress to any future senior chef role.

This employer occupational brief is designed to bring context and expand upon the standard to assist employers and education and training providers to develop the 'on-programme' elements of an apprenticeship. It should be read in conjunction with the assessment plan to ensure full coverage of the requirements is incorporated into the learning and development phase. The statements below are designed to guide and provide examples in a general environment, additional contextualisation will often be necessary to ensure brand / organisational standards are being met.

The detail behind the standard:

| | Knowledge 'Know it' | Skills 'Show it' | Behaviours 'Live it' |
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| Culinary (I) | Identify the factors which influence the types of dishes and menus offered by the business A list of factors to include basic knowledge around: • Brand/standards of food offer • Costs in relation to quality of produce • Customer choice and customer spend • Availability of commodities • Providence and basic understanding of seasonality | Contribute to reviewing and refreshing menus in line with business and customer requirements Advise of issues in terms of menu item availabilities and popularity of menu items Cook to establishment standards- adhering to any nutritional requirements Respond to feedback from line manager and any customer feedback provided to include complaints | Show enthusiasm for keeping up to date with business and industry trends Turn up on time Wear uniform correctly Undertake professional development as requested or self –managed Proactively keeps up to date with industry developments, food trends and business objectives through trade publications, social media platforms, colleagues and peers Looks for opportunities to influence improvements in culinary performance, |
| Culinary (2) | Recognise how technology supports the development and production of dishes and menu items in own kitchen• Define technology and its application within food preparation area | Use available technology in line with business procedures and guidelines to achieve the best result To use the technology in own kitchen as per manufactures instructions and in | Use technology and equipment in line with training Seen to be working safely and efficiently and confident in use of technology |



| • Explain some of the benefits in terms of | accordance with health and safety | Actively looks for opportunities to |
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| cost savings, efficient working practices and | regulations | improve the current and future use |
| end results of technological application in | • Use technology appropriately and as | of technology in the kitchen. |
| the area of food preparation/production in | required by the establishment in | |
| terms of producing food; food | respect of cooking stated menu items | |
| procurement and monitoring of food | | |
| storage- within the context of work | | |
| environment and the wider sector | | |
| Technology to include: | | |
| Equipment | | |
| social media and apps | | |
| • software in terms of SOPs and training | | |
| stock control and ordering | | |
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| Recognise the importance of checking | Check food stocks, report on | Has the confidence to promptly deal |
| food stocks and keeping the storage | shortages, prioritise food that is close | with sub-standard ingredients, or |
| areas in good order, know the | to expiry and keep the storage areas | those nearing their sell by date |
| procedures to carry out and how to deal | in good order | • Communication is assertive and timely |
| with identified shortages and food close | • Check; report and carry out stock | in situations where ingredients are not |
| to expiry date | checks and demonstrate stock rotation | of the required quality |
| • Know what checks need to be made on | and recording of activities on | • Be proactive in informing the relevant |
| deliveries according to food safety | appropriate documentation | people about food stocks nearing their |
| | | sell by date |
| | cost savings, efficient working practices and end results of technological application in the area of food preparation/production in terms of producing food; food procurement and monitoring of food storage- within the context of work environment and the wider sector Technology to include: Equipment social media and apps software in terms of SOPs and training stock control and ordering Recognise the importance of checking food stocks and keeping the storage areas in good order, know the procedures to carry out and how to deal with identified shortages and food close to expiry date Know what checks need to be made on | cost savings, efficient working practices and end results of technological application in the area of food preparation/production in terms of producing food; food procurement and monitoring of food storage- within the context of work environment and the wider sector Technology to include: Equipment social media and apps software in terms of SOPs and training stock control and ordering Recognise the importance of checking food stocks and keeping the storage areas in good order, know the procedures to carry out and how to deal with identified shortages and food close to expiry date Know what checks need to be made on |



| | legislation and organisational procedures | Communication to appropriate | |
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| | and why this is important | personnel of stock levels and shortages | |
| | Knowledge of all types of storage | | |
| | conditions including temperature and | | |
| | conditions (chilled, frozen, ambient) | | |
| | Know consequences of not checking in | | |
| | terms of self- others and the business | | |
| Culinary (4) | Know how to undertake set up, | Work methodically to prioritise | Demonstrate the ability to identify |
| | preparation and cleaning tasks to | tasks, ensuring they are completed at | when tasks are not going to plan and |
| | standard whilst working in a challenging, | the right moment and to the | has the confidence to request |
| | time-bound environment | required standard | support when needed |
| | • State and explain the principles of safe food | Undertakes appropriate tasks to include: | • Displays maturity and |
| | handling/COSHH and the need to clean as | • Mise en place undertaken in a timely | assertiveness in requesting |
| | you go | fashion and ensures all food | assistance to the business so that |
| | • Explain the importance of undertaking | preparation allows for requirements of | the customer does not suffer. |
| | mise-en place | service | |
| | | • Follows and adheres to cleaning | |
| | | schedules | |
| Culinary (5) | Identify correct ingredients and portion | Measure dish ingredients and portion | Pay attention to detail and work |
| | sizes for each dish in line with recipe | sizes accurately | consistently to achieve standards |
| | specifications | • Weigh and measure ingredients using | • Is confident in |
| | • Know how to find a dish specification / | accurately functioning tools or | disregarding/omitting sub- |
| | recipe for prescribed dish | equipment | |



| | • Know how to read and understand the | • Ensure correct volume / number of | standard ingredients and replacing |
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| | specification / recipe for the dishes and | components are prepared | as appropriate |
| | ingredients | • Ensure consistent portions are | |
| | | prepared and served | |
| Culinary (6) | Identify the principles of basic food | Demonstrate a range of craft | Show commitment to developing |
| | preparation and cooking; taste; | preparation and basic cooking skills | skills and knowledge; trying out new |
| | allergens; diet and nutrition | and techniques to prepare, produce | ingredients and dishes; practicing and |
| | • Understand basic flavour profiles including | and present dishes and menu items | reflecting on different preparation |
| | seasoning, herbs and spices | in line with business requirements | and cooking techniques |
| | • Know common food groups and basic | • Follow specifications / brand standards to | Is aware of own development plan and |
| | requirements for a balanced diet. | prepare and produce dishes and menu | uses it to increase skills and knowledge |
| | • Know basic dietary variations such as | items, on time, ensuring consistency of | • Works with mentor to make |
| | vegetarian, vegan, religious diets | the finished product. | recommendations for a dish, try out |
| | • know the key allergens, how to find | • Bring individual components together to | new ideas or skills |
| | information about dish content, and the | produce a balanced plate, with reference | Is confident in reflecting on |
| | reasons they must be identified | to nutrition, flavour, accompaniments | ingredients and dishes and making |
| | | • Prepare, cook and serve dishes and menu | recommendations |
| | | items in line with business / brand timing | Carries out research on new |
| | | and standards | ingredients, prep and cooking methods |
| | | • Cover the food groups, preparation and | • Evaluates these and decides which are |
| | | cooking methods as found in the | appropriate to the business |
| | | 'Preparation and cooking range' at the | |
| | | bottom of this document | |
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| Culinary (7) | Identify commonly used knives and | Use correct knives and knife skills | Demonstrate care and attention |
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| | kitchen equipment and their specific | when preparing food and use the | when using knives and equipment |
| | function | correct equipment when preparing, | Encourages colleagues to use |
| | • Identify the different types of knives in a | cooking and presenting food | knives and equipment safely. |
| | professional kitchen including cooks knifes, | • Use correct knives and equipment for | • Researches new equipment and |
| | boning, filleting, paring, palate, peeler | preparation, cooking and finishing of | ways of using it to compliment |
| | • Know what cuts each are used for and | dishes and menu items | current processes. |
| | alternative methods | • Use correct settings and use of | |
| | • Know the different equipment used in the | equipment when preparing, cooking | |
| | kitchen and how it is used and operated | and finishing dishes and menu items | |
| | including: preparation, cooking, processing, | • Adhere to company specifications / | |
| | finishing and specialist equipment (Ice | brands when preparing / cooking dishes | |
| | cream maker/combi oven) | using different knives and equipment | |
| | • Explain why it is important to use the | | |
| | correct techniques, tools, knives, and | | |
| | equipment when preparing, cooking and | | |
| | presenting food. | | |
| Culinary (8) | Recognise and understand sources and | Correctly store and use food | Consistently use the correct volume |
| | quality points of common food groups | commodities when preparing dishes | and quality of commodities in each |
| | and commodities | Demonstrate storing food correctly in | dish, maintaining attention to detail |
| | • Meat and poultry, fish, game | ambient, chilled and frozen areas | Recognises when ingredients are |
| | • Fruit and vegetables | Correctly label foods following | not stored correctly and acts on |
| | • Dairy | organisational requirements – dates, | this appropriately. |
| | Dry goods | ingredients, allergens | |



| • Breads | Demonstrate correct stock rotation | Informs the relevant staff member |
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| Herbs, spices and seasoning | procedures | when food commodities fall below |
| (All of the above in relation to raw, prepared and | • Follow food safety systems with regard | the minimum quality standards of |
| high risk foods) | to colour coding | the organisation. |
| | • Adhere to company / brand standard / | |
| | menu specification | |
| Identify traditional cuts of; and basic | Apply correct preparation and | Utilise the correct cuts and preparation |
| preparation methods for, meat, poultry, | selection methods when using meat, | methods to produce high quality, |
| fish and vegetables | poultry, fish and vegetables in dishes | technically sound dishes |
| • Know the primary meat cuts (fillet, loin, | Dishes must be prepared to brand standard: | Displays a passion for identifying |
| rib, chops, T-bone) and secondary cuts | • Demonstrate selecting, preparing and | and preparing ingredients to |
| (neck, skirt, shoulder, leg, cheek) and offal | cooking meat, poultry, fish and | maintain a high standard in all |
| and the associated preparation methods | vegetables as found in the 'Preparation | dishes. |
| including: trim, dice, portion, mince, tie, | and cooking range' at the bottom of | Recommends different cuts or |
| bone, marinate, lard, bard | this document | types of ingredients for dishes as |
| • Know the main poultry cuts and portions | | appropriate. |
| including breast, leg, wing, whole bird and | | • Keeps up to date with trends in |
| the associated preparation methods | | cuts and types of ingredients |
| including spatchcock, trimming and cut for | | through social media, trade |
| saute (classical) | | publications and other outlets. |
| • Know the different types of fish, cuts and | | |
| preparation methods including: Darne, | | |
| Trancon, Fillet, (+ other classics) descaling, | | |
| skinning, boning, pin boning, marinating | | |
| | Herbs, spices and seasoning (All of the above in relation to raw, prepared and high risk foods) Identify traditional cuts of; and basic preparation methods for, meat, poultry, fish and vegetables Know the primary meat cuts (fillet, loin, rib, chops, T-bone) and secondary cuts (neck, skirt, shoulder, leg, cheek) and offal and the associated preparation methods including: trim, dice, portion, mince, tie, bone, marinate, lard, bard Know the main poultry cuts and portions including breast, leg, wing, whole bird and the associated preparation methods including spatchcock, trimming and cut for saute (classical) Know the different types of fish, cuts and preparation methods including: Darne, Trancon, Fillet, (+ other classics) descaling, | Herbs, spices and seasoning (All of the above in relation to raw, prepared and high risk foods) Follow food safety systems with regard to colour coding Adhere to company / brand standard / menu specification Identify traditional cuts of; and basic preparation methods for, meat, poultry, fish and vegetables Know the primary meat cuts (fillet, loin, rib, chops, T-bone) and secondary cuts (neck, skirt, shoulder, leg, cheek) and offal and the associated preparation methods including: trim, dice, portion, mince, tie, bone, marinate, lard, bard Know the main poultry cuts and portions including breast, leg, wing, whole bird and the associated preparation methods including spatchcock, trimming and cut for saute (classical) Know the different types of fish, cuts and preparation methods including: Darne, Trancon, Fillet, (+ other classics) descaling, |



| | (wet & dry), trimming (using shears / filleting knife), gutting, butterflying Know the different vegetable cuts including French cuts - julienne, mirepoix, macedoine, paysanne, brunoise, baton, jardinaire | | |
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| Culinary (10) | Recognise the impact of seasonality on the availability, quality and price of ingredients Know the seasonality of ingredients used including meat, game, fish, vegetables Understand how using seasonal produce affects the cost, menu balance, flavour and profile of dishes and the importance of this | Complete preparation and cooking tasks to a high standard, delivered on time and presented as described within the recipe specification Dishes must be prepared to brand standard: Bring individual components together to produce a balanced plate, with reference to nutrition, flavour, accompaniments Prepare, cook and serve dishes and menu items in line with business / brand timing and standards Cover the food groups, preparation and cooking methods as found in the 'Preparation and cooking range' at the bottom of this document | Has an appreciation of ingredients Researches new or adapted ingredients and makes recommendations. Suggests new cooking methods where appropriate. Is enthusiastic about trying new foods and flavours when offered them |
| Food Safety (I) | Identify the personal hygiene standards, food safety practices and procedures | Maintain a clean and hygienic kitchen environment at all times, | Demonstrate high personal hygiene standards |



| required, understand the importance of | complete kitchen documentation |
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| following them and consequences of | as required |
| failing to meet them | • Demonstrate correct cleaning |
| State the current food safety | procedures in the kitchen |
| legislation with relation to personal | environment |
| hygiene standards and behaviour | Complete all cleaning schedules |
| Explain the importance of following | and related documentation |
| these practices and procedures | • Communicate to appropriate staff |
| Understand the risks to food safety | where necessary on cleaning |
| Know the types of contamination and | products, documentation and |
| cross-contamination of food and | equipment |
| surfaces and how they can occur | Reduce contamination risks |
| Know the vehicles of food | associated with workflow |
| contamination | procedures |
| Know the types of food poisoning | Clean all surfaces and equipment |
| and how food poisoning organisms | using clean and suitable cloths |
| can contaminate food | with other equipment and correct |
| Know the common symptoms of food | chemicals and wipe down in |
| poisoning | between tasks |
| Explain the factors which enable the | Dispose of waste promptly, |
| growth of food poisoning organisms | hygienically and appropriately |
| Explain the effects of personal | • Avoid unsafe behaviour that could |
| hygiene and behaviour on food safety | contaminate the food you are |
| and what should be avoided | working with |
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as requested in a timely manner

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 Sets a good example to colleagues by exhibiting high personal hygiene standards

Wears clean uniform every shift

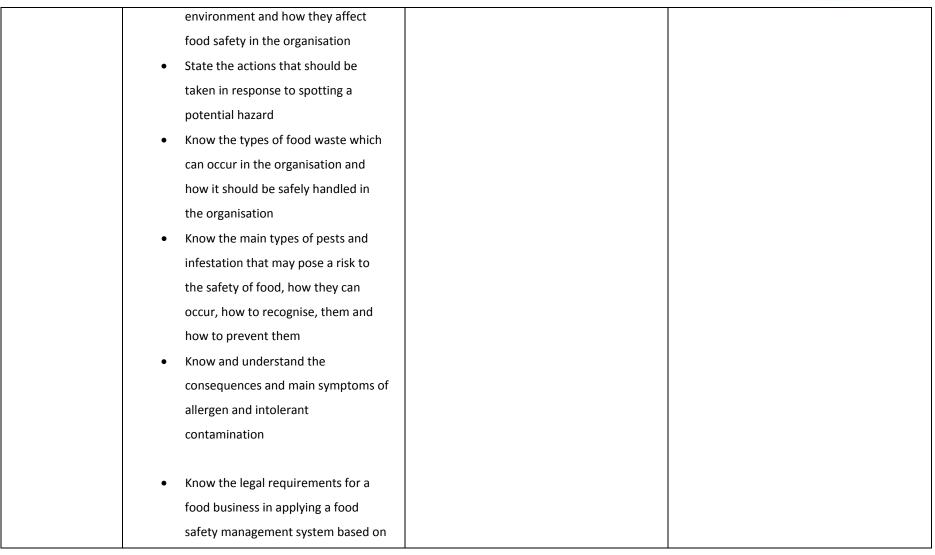
Completes all mandatory training

• Encourages colleagues to follow high personal hygiene standards



| • | Know own role in spotting and | Keep necessary records up-to- | |
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| | dealing with hazards, and in reducing | date | |
| | the risk of contamination | | |
| • | Explain the importance of identifying | | |
| | food hazards promptly | | |
| • | Know the potential impact on health | | |
| | if hazards are not spotted and dealt | | |
| | with promptly | | |
| • | Understand and explain the | | |
| | importance of risk assessments | | |
| • | Understand and know the | | |
| | implications of non-compliance of | | |
| | food safety legislation | | |
| | and the role of enforcement officers | | |
| • | Explain the importance of keeping | | |
| | work areas and environment clean | | |
| | and tidy, and tools, utensils and | | |
| | equipment in good order, clean | | |
| | condition and stored correctly | | |
| • | Know the methods and frequency of | | |
| | cleaning and maintenance of | | |
| | equipment, surfaces and | | |
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| Food Sofaty (2) | the Codex principles of HACCP, and allergen control management Explain the consequences to you, the customer and the organisation of not following correct food safety practices | Store memory and cook incrediants | |
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| Food Safety (2) | Know how to store, prepare and cook ingredients to maintain quality, in line with food safety legislation Explain the organisation's food safety management system Explain how to safely store ingredients in accordance with food safety legislation State the different types of storage and the correct temperatures in these areas Explain the organisation's procedure on allergens | Store, prepare and cook ingredients correctly to deliver a quality product that is safe for the consumer Correctly complete documentation in relation to food safety legislation Show evidence of positive Environmental Health Reports Provide customers with accurate allergen information Follow storage procedures to prevent cross-contamination Prepare, cook and hold food safely | Follow safe working practices when storing, preparing and cooking ingredients to maintain their quality and safety Takes part in all available food safety related training and development Encourages colleagues to follow safe working practices when storing, preparing and cooking ingredients Displays a positive interest in food safety audits and inspections both internally and externally |



| • 5 | State the factors involved in ensuring | ٠ | Check food before and during | ٠ | Keeps up to date with food |
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| f | food is safe through the preparing | | operations for any hazards, and | | safety legislation developments |
| | and cooking stages | | follow the correct procedures for | | through social media, trade |
| • [| Describe the impact of not following | | dealing with these | | publications and other outlets. |
| f | food safety legislation on you, the | • | Prevent cross-contamination, | | |
| | customers and the organisation | | such as between raw foods, foods | | |
| • 1 | Explain the importance of, and | | already cooking/reheating and | | |
| 1 | methods for, separation of raw and | | ready-to-eat foods | | |
| | cooked foods, separation of finished | • | Use methods, times, | | |
| | dishes | | temperatures and checks to make | | |
| • 1 | Know the temperature danger zone, | | sure food is safe | | |
| | why food needs to be kept at | | | | |
| | specified temperatures and how to | | | | |
| | ensure this | | | | |
| • 1 | Know the procedures to follow when | | | | |
| | dealing with stock including | | | | |
| | deliveries, | | | | |
| • 1 | Explain the organisation's guidelines | | | | |
| | on storage, date marking and stock | | | | |
| · · · · | rotation, and why it is important to | | | | |
| | consistently follow them | | | | |
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| People (I) | Understand how personal and team | Work effectively with others to | Take pride in own role through an |
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| | performance impact on the successful | ensure dishes produced are of high | enthusiastic and professional |
| | production of dishes and menu items | quality, delivered on time and to the | approach to tasks |
| | Explain how own working practices and that of team impact on food production and service and the customer experience Describe the impact of poor individual performance from an individual on a team Explain the impact of poor team performance on the business and the customer experience Describe the benefits and impact of a high performing team in respect of food production and meeting customers' expectations of the food experience | standard required Demonstrate effective team work via on-going observation and peer and line management statements and if available performance reviews Work effectively and efficiently at all times to ensure customers receive high quality dishes in a timely manner following brand standards/specifications Source evidence of positive feedback from colleagues, customers, social media feedback, industry accolades, industry peers (select as appropriate). | Leads by example Encourages colleagues to be professional in all aspects of the job role Approaches all tasks with a commitment to excellence to further the company and themselves Is proactive in seeking out new positions or opportunities internally to expand and develop skills |
| People (2) | Know how to communicate with colleagues and team members from a | Use suitable methods of communication and operate in a fair | Listen to and respect other peoples' point of view and respond politely |
| | diverse range of backgrounds and | and equal manner that demonstrates | Expresses themselves clearly and |
| | cultures | effective team working | patiently |
| | | • Demonstrate team work through working well with colleagues | |



| | Explain what effective communication methods are and how to communicate with colleagues and team members Understand the concept of equality and diversity and treating people with respect Be aware of colleagues from different backgrounds and cultures and communicate appropriately with them | Display professional conduct and good time-keeping and Show a willingness to cover for others and respond flexibly to rota requirements | Demonstrates a high level of consideration for other people's opinions Is able to deliver replies to questions, comments or requests that are balanced and considered Displays positive body language |
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| People (3) | Understand the importance of training | Develop own skills and knowledge | Welcome and act on feedback to |
| | and development to maximise own | through training and experiences | improve personal methods of |
| | performance Explain what training is and the importance of personal development in terms of improving knowledge and skills Explain current levels of performance and identify areas of development and what is required to address skills and knowledge gaps | Demonstrate progress on personal development plan and reflect and evaluate the impact of learning Seeks feedback and receives feedback in a positive manner and acts upon it appropriately Regularly review your performance through your organisation's procedures | working, recognising the impact that personal performance has on the team. Recognise own personal growth and achievement Is committed to constantly improving own performance, skills and knowledge Takes responsibility for own development to supplement internal training and development Regularly uses social media, internet, trade publications to |



| People (4) | Know how to support team members when the need arises Explain how to respond to requests of assistance from colleagues Explain the importance of being supportive- whilst ensuring own work priorities are met Describe how you would recognise that colleagues needed assistance State why it is important to support team members and the implications if you didn't | Support team members to produce dishes and menu items on time to quality standards Demonstrate effective team work and support by gathering peer feedback that preparation and service timelines are met on a consistent basis Assist team members where required without being asked | enhance own professional development Displays maturity in receiving feedback that may be constructive and acts on it in a positive manner Respond positively to instruction and be aware of team members who may need support to get menu items out on time without compromising quality Pro-actively identifies when colleagues need support and offers it without hesitation Recognises the relationships between departments and works to enhance these |
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| People (5) | Have an understanding of professional behaviours and organisational culture | Perform role to the best of own ability in line with the business values | Behave in a manner in line with the values and culture of the business |
| | Define professional behaviours such as timekeeping; need for full attendance; following company standards along the | and culture Demonstrate team working and professional conduct- checking | Attends work related events when requested Contributes to meetings where appropriate |



| | lines of reporting illness and absence; booking holidays, wearing of company uniform; attending agreed events such as arranged training. Describe what it is like working at the organisation and the importance of working as part of a team Describe the impact of own behaviours on the team and the impact of unprofessional/negative behaviours on team working | attendance at work; behaviours in team activities such as team meetings. Respond appropriately to instructions and show can request information when required and asks questions to seek clarification and further guidance Support others by asking where help is required when own tasks are completed Accelerate work pace when required and exceed normal working requirements as necessary | Encourages colleagues to display the values and culture of the business in day to day activities Visibly displays a positive attitude when dealing with customers |
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| People (6) | Recognise how all teams are dependent on each other and understand the importance of teamwork both back and front of house Explain basic team roles and state own job role requirements and the job role requirements of others Understand how adhering to role responsibilities and targets impacts on the team and work productivity in a positive way | Develop good working relationships across the team and with colleagues in other parts of the organisation, and deal with challenges and problems constructively to drive a positive outcome Demonstrate how you regularly develop good working relationships What did you do? Why did you do that? What was the outcome? How would you approach that situation in | Communicate and behave effectively to help team members achieve the best result for the customers and the business • Expresses themselves clearly and patiently • Listens effectively • Thinks laterally with regard to problem solving • Works collaboratively with colleagues |





| Business (2) | Understand the principles of supply chain and waste management Describe the supply chain in terms of basic principles and that of the organisation they are working in Provide a brief description of providence and importance of working with nominated suppliers and tendering for suppliers on a regular basis Explain the impact of wastage on P&L and not making full use of produce by creative and efficient menu planning Explain the principles of waste management and recycling including poor production, ruination of food items, poor stock control stock | Carry out contingency planning activities where certain ingredients are not available what are suitable alternatives and substitutes Follow procedures regarding usage and waste of resources Demonstrate following of specifications and correct food production techniques to meet GP requirements Complete all documentation in relation to usage and wastage | Set an example to others by working in ways which minimise waste Consistently works efficiently with ingredients, resources and equipment Has an up to date knowledge of current suppliers Identifies areas where wastage can be minimised even further |
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| | ruination of food items, poor stock control stock. State how effective waste management can lead to efficient working practices and yield | | |



| Business (3) | Recognise potential risks in the working | Undertake all tasks with due care | Is vigilant and aware of potential risks |
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| | environment, how to address them and | and attention, reporting risks in the | within the kitchen environment and |
| | the potential consequences of those | appropriate manner | takes action to prevent them |
| | risks Explain potential hazards within food preparation areas Describe risks in work environment and how to mitigate such risks Understand the impact of not correctly identifying potential risks and hazards and having appropriate contingencies | Works efficiently and safely throughout work shifts Where risks have been identified- reports as per standard requirements meeting legal requirements | Reports risks before they become a hazard Encourages colleagues to work in a safe manner at all times |



Annex B: Preparation and cooking range

The following is a comprehensive range of food groups, the range of foods within that group and the preparation and cooking methods that a commis chef apprentices should aspire to achieve. In terms of coverage apprentices should have knowledge around each of the groups and range below and in practical terms employers must establish the right level of inclusion to demonstrate competence across the standard. For example, it is not necessary to prepare every food range in every food group, groups such as offal might naturally have less coverage than vegetables for example. It is, however, necessary to ensure every food group is addressed, whether they are part of an employer's usual menu or not. This may involve masterclasses, visits to other employers or suppliers, or classroom skills development to ensure adequate coverage.

Employers and education and training providers must ensure that the minimum requirements are met for the log of dishes in the end assessment, but this should not be the totality of the learning and development – it is designed as a snapshot to show a variety of foods and techniques have been applied.

| Food group | Group range | Preparation methods | Cooking methods |
|------------|--|--|--|
| Fish | white fish – round (for example, cod, whiting or hake) white fish – flat (for example, plaice, sole or turbot) oily (for example, salmon or mackerel | filleting (removing pin bones, rib bones and spine) cutting (darne, goujon, suprême, tronçon, délice, paupiette) skinning trimming coating (for example, with flour, breadcrumbs or batter) marinating/adding dry rubs descaling | frying (deep and shallow) grilling poaching baking steaming stewing |
| Shellfish | prawns shrimp mussels clams | cleaning shelling washing coating cutting | boiling frying (deep and shallow) grilling steaming poaching |
| Meat | BeefLambPork | cutting (slicing and dicing) seasoning/marinating trimming | sealing grilling (over fire/under fire) griddling |



| | | boning tying tenderising portioning marinading/adding dry rubs stuffing/filling | frying (shallow and stir) braising stewing roasting steaming boiling resting combining cooking methods |
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| Poultry | Chicken Duck Turkey | checking and preparing the cavity seasoning/marinating trimming cutting (portion, dice and cut) stuffing/filling coating tying and trussing batting out brining | grilling (over fire and under heat) griddling roasting poaching frying (deep, shallow, sauté and stir) steaming braising confit combining cooking methods |
| Game | furred – e.g. venison, rabbit feathered – e.g. pheasant, pigeon | checking and preparing the cavity seasoning cutting (portion and dice) stuffing/filling trussing | sealing grilling griddling sautéing roasting frying (shallow and deep) braising stewing combining cooking methods |
| Offal | liver kidney sweetbread cheek | cutting and slicing marinating/seasoning coating with flour skinning trimming | grilling griddling shallow frying boiling braising |



| | | blending and mincing | poaching combined cooking methods baking steaming 'bain marie' sautéing |
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| Vegetables | roots bulbs flower heads fungi seeds and pods tubers leaves stems vegetable fruits | washing peeling re-washing chopping traditional French cuts including – Julienne, Brunoise, Macédoine, Jardinière and Paysanne slicing trimming grating turning | blanching boiling roasting baking grilling braising frying (deep, shallow and stir) steaming stewing combining cooking methods |
| Sauces | thickened gravy (jus lié) roast gravy (jus rôti) curry gravy white sauce (béchamel) brown sauce (demi glace) velouté purée butter sauce (beurre blanc, beurre noisette) emulsified sauce | weighing/measuring chopping simmering boiling 'make roux' passing/straining/blending skimming whisking | adding cream reducing adding thickening agents adding other ingredients (e.g. alcohol) |
| Stock | vegetable brown white fish | weighing/measuring browning/roasting simmering boiling | N/A |



| Soup | puree broth/potage finished with cream velouté | reducing skimming straining weighing/measuring chopping simmering boiling 'make roux' passing/straining blending/liquidising sweating vegetable ingredients skimming | adding cream garnishing |
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| Rice | long short round brown | washing/soaking | boiling frying braising steaming stewing baking |
| Pasta / noodles | shaped pasta flat pasta dried pasta fresh pasta stuffed pasta | N/A | Blanching Straining Mixing Boiling Baking combining cooking methods |
| Egg dishes | Chicken eggs Duck eggs Quail eggs | • beating | boiling frying griddling poaching scrambling baking |



| Vegetable protein | soya Quorn seitan tofu - both firm and soft | soaking washing stewing straining | boiling braising steaming deep frying roasting baking frying sautéing |
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| Bread and dough | enriched dough soda bread dough bread dough naan dough/pitta dough pizza dough | weighing/measuring sieving mixing/kneading proving knocking back shaping | baking frying glazing icing filling decorating |
| Pastry | short sweet suet choux convenience | weighing/measuring sifting rubbing in creaming resting piping rolling cutting/shaping/trimming lining | baking steaming deep frying combining cooking methods |
| Cakes, Sponges, Biscuits, Scones | Cakes Sponges Biscuits Scones | Weighing/measuring Creaming/beating Whisking Folding Rubbing in Greasing Glazing Portioning | Baking Trimming/Icing Spreading/Smoothing Dusting/Dredging/Sprinkling Mixing |



| | | Piping Shaping Filling Rolling Lining Kneading | |
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| Cold and hot desserts | ice cream mousse egg based batter based sponge based fruit based pastry based | slicing creaming folding moulding mixing aeration addition of flavours/colours puréeing combining portioning chilling | boiling/poaching stewing baking combination cooking steaming frying filling glazing piping garnishing |