

Purpose Statement

NCFE Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Food Production and Cooking (601/0383/8)

1. Overview

What does this qualification cover?

This QCF qualification is designed for those who are already working or would like to work in the hospitality sector. It's ideal for those looking to develop the skills required to work in the hospitality industry in a catering environment. There is a requirement for this qualification to be assessed in the workplace or in a realistic working environment to allow learners to gain hands-on experience as they train. This qualification is suitable for adult learners completing it as a standalone qualification to confirm occupational competence whilst working in the hospitality industry.

This qualification also forms the competence-based element of the Intermediate Level Apprenticeship in Catering and Professional Chefs (Food Production and Cooking pathway).

Learners will develop generic, transferable skills valued by employers such as safe and hygienic working practices, effective teamwork and food safety. They will also develop more specialist skills such as how to produce a variety of dishes including meat, pasta, rice, cakes and fish.

This qualification consists of 3 mandatory units and 35 optional units in 2 groups.

Mandatory units:

- Maintenance of a safe, hygienic and secure working environment (F/601/4218)
- Working effectively as part of a hospitality team (T/601/4216)
- Maintain food safety when storing, preparing and cooking food (D/601/6980)

To achieve this qualification candidates must complete a minimum of 40 credits: 10 credits from the mandatory units and 30 credits from the optional unit groups.

For more information on the rule of combination for this qualification, and a full list of optional units, please see the qualification specification on our website.

Who could take this qualification or who is this qualification designed for?

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There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 1 qualification in this area.

2. What could this qualification lead to?

Will the qualification lead to employment and, if so, in which job role at which level?

This qualification allows learners to develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge required when working in food production and cookery industry roles within the hospitality and catering industry, such as:

- Cook
- Chef
- Kitchen Assistant.

Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?

Learners undertaking this qualification could progress into higher-level education, including the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision
- Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering
- Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Food and Beverage Service Supervision
- Level 3 Diploma in Hospitality
- Level 3 Award/Certificate in Hospitality Business Management
- Level 3 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Hospitality Supervision and Leadership
- Level 3 in Hospitality Leadership



If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification at the same level, why should a learner take this particular one?

Learners would undertake this qualification if they want to demonstrate competence in the roles given above, in order to progress into employment or enhance their career prospects.

A smaller NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering (Food Production and Cooking) is also available; however, that qualification includes only knowledge-based units, therefore it does not confirm competency in a particular role.

3. Who supports the qualification?

This qualification is supported by employers from the Hospitality and Catering industry. For further information please contact NCFE on 0191 239 8000.