



FOOD AND DRINK ADVANCED PROCESS OPERATOR Level 3, Apprenticeship Standard

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 16+ years.
- Passionate about a career in Food Manufacture.
- Three GCSEs grades 4-9 in English and maths and another subject.

Food and Drink Advanced Process Operators work in one of the largest, most dynamic and fastest growing sectors of industry. Every day, producers, manufacturers and retailers make and sell millions of innovative food products to consumers in the UK and around the world. This includes drinks, cakes, biscuits, ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook food, sandwiches, wraps, fresh fruit and salads. It is imperative that apprentices in the industry have the skills and knowledge to ensure our food products, which millions of people consume every day, are safe.

Advanced Operators work in the manufacturing sector of the food and drink industry. They typically work on production lines in manufacturing plants, but will spend some time offline while working on activities such as new product development. They have both knowledge and skills in preventative maintenance activities and Continuous Improvement (CI) techniques, which are essential to maintaining and improving productivity in food and drink manufacturing sites. Whichever part of the industry they choose to work in, on completion of this programme, the individual will be able to evaluate and make improvements to safety, quality and performance in a food and drink manufacturing environment. On completion of this programme, individuals may progress into more advanced technical or leadership roles. This apprenticeship is an ideal spring board for potential future leaders of the food and drink industry.

APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS

Apprentices should have a role within food manufacturing and plant operations. Have basic literacy, numeracy and communication skills on which the apprenticeship will build.



TYPICAL JOB ROLES IN THIS AREA INCLUDE:

Continuous Improvement Project operator, Product Development Technician, Quality Technician, Food Logistics operator, Auditing operator.

PROGRESSION ROUTE:



KEY FACTS:

Delivery location	Work- based.
Typical duration	24 months.
Study mode/frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended learning approach and monthly support within the workplace by a dedicated specialised sector assessor. Regular communication throughout the month • Apprentices are required to complete a Level 3 Diploma in Food and Drink Operations qualification prior to taking the end-point assessment for the apprenticeship
Apprenticeship Standard	Upon completing this apprenticeship, the learner will receive a recognised qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Food and Drink Operations
Knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of plant maintenance of equipment and processes • How to identify and resolve technical problems (including products, equipment and safety) in line with organisational processes • The process of introducing new processes, products and machinery • The wider business environment: internal and external customers, profitability and commercial awareness
Competency/skills or behaviours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate potential problems or delays and plan accordingly • Use problem solving techniques to eliminate root cause of problems • Evaluate and improve production in line with Continuous Improvement (CI) techniques and take responsibility for CI activity • Carry out routine and specialist maintenance of equipment, in line with organisational guidelines • Participate in external and internal audits, in line with organisational procedures • Contribute to the development and improvement of quality controls • Carry out testing for quality control • Ensure working towards best practices
Functional Skills	Functional Skills will be required for English and Maths at level 2 if you have not already attained an equivalent qualification.
Assessment	Learners will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge via summative assignment and build a portfolio of evidence to show skills attained within the workplace. Learners will collect a series of competency-based evidence along with assessor observations and discussions.

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