

NPA Food Manufacture

SCQF Level 6 Code: GF4N 46



The National Progression Award (NPA) in Food Manufacture at SCQF level 6 develops an understanding of the principles, structure, processes and procedures used in the Food and Drink Manufacturing industry.

Learners will gain knowledge and experience of food and drink production and its complex supply chain. Four Units take learners from the principles of food science and food safety through developing marketable food products for today's consumer to the care, legislation and processes involved in creating those products. The Unit on Sustainability mirrors industry challenges of waste minimisation and balancing sustainability and environmental considerations with current manufacturing methods.

The NPA is intended to be hands-on, reflecting the practical nature of food manufacturing.

Why deliver this qualification?

NPAs are developed by practitioners from industry and are supported by the relevant sector skills council (SSC). Industry recognises that this qualification will prepare learners for work.

The Units give an overview of manufacturing techniques and procedures, and can be tailored to suit local industry. This ensures that learners have the knowledge and skills relevant for employment to support local food and drink companies.

The Units can easily be adapted to distance learning, suiting individuals already in employment in the food industry who can access relevant manufacturing processes to support their studies.

Who does the qualification suit?

The NPA is targeted at post-16 learners, adult returners and employees in the food and drink manufacturing industry.

Access

Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

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Progression

This NPA gives learners a better chance of gaining employment in the food and drink manufacturing industry, or offers a progression pathway to other qualifications.

Learners who successfully complete the NPA may find opportunities to further their career by being employed as team leaders or specialist operatives.

Learners can progress academically into higher/ further education in the fields of science, engineering, marketing or business at HNC/D level. Having the NPA, in addition to work experience, could provide an alternative basis for entry to study for a degree. This would be at the discretion of the institution.

Approval

Centres will have to seek approval and should contact the Business Development Team for guidance.



Qualification content and delivery tools

Within the NPA there is a mixture of Engineering, Business, Science and Food Technology. It provides a background in food and drink manufacture that can then be applied to a range of food products, as well as knowledge of relevant legislation, awareness of the commercial and social drivers that affect the industry, and an understanding of local and global sustainability issues.

Employees can enrol for the NPA on a part-time basis, where they can complete the whole course or individual Units.

This National Progression Award in Food Manufacture at SCQF level 6 has four mandatory Units at SCQF level 6.

- Fundamentals of Food Science
- Food Production
- Commercial and Social Drivers
- Sustainability

For further information on the Units and structure of the qualification please refer to the Group Award Specification on SQA's website www.sqa.org.uk (NPA Food Manufacture).

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