

Health and Food Technology: Contemporary Food Issues with a Scottish Context

SCQF: level 5 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: J21W 75

Unit outline

In this Unit, learners will develop knowledge and understanding of consumer food choices in Scotland. They will explore factors which may affect food choices and develop knowledge and understanding of contemporary food issues. They will consider technological developments in food and organisations which protect consumer interests. They will also develop knowledge and understanding of food labelling and how it helps consumers make informed food choices. Learners will apply knowledge and skills in practical contexts.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Explain consumer food choices

This Unit is an optional Unit in the Scottish Studies Award at SCQF level 5 and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ National 4 Health and Food Technology Course or relevant component Units

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1 Explain consumer food choices by:

- 1.1 Explaining factors which may affect consumers' choice of food
- 1.2 Explaining contemporary food issues which may affect consumers' choice of food
- 1.3 Describing technological developments which may affect consumers' choice of food
- 1.4 Describing how organisations protect the interest of consumers
- 1.5 Explaining how information on food labels help consumers make informed choices

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Candidates are required to provide evidence that they have studied consumer food choices in Scotland including factors affecting consumer choices, contemporary food issues, technological developments and organisations which protect consumers' interests.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

1.3 Listening and talking

2 Numeracy

1.2 Money, time and measurement

4 Employability, enterprise and citizenship

4.6 Citizenship

5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

5.4 Analysing and evaluating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
2.0	Outcome 2 removed	Qualifications Manager	October 2016
3.0	Unit code updated	Qualifications Manager	July 2019

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