



# SQA Food and Drink Network Event

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# Food and Drink Sector Updates

- Recent development work reflects the importance of the sector and the priorities identified in the Skills Investment Plan
- Significant activity undertaken in Scotland in 2018-19:
  - Reviews of existing National Occupational Standards
  - Reviews of existing SVQs
  - Updates to existing Modern Apprenticeship Frameworks
  - Work on a brand new Modern Apprenticeship Framework for the Distilling sector



# National Occupational Standards

- During 2018-19 the following suites of National Occupational Standards were reviewed with employers and stakeholders across the 4 UK nations:
  - Food Business Strategic Leadership
  - Food Business Operational Management
  - Food Business Resource Development
  - Food Business Growth and Development
  - Food Business Marketing and Customer Service
  - Product Development
  - Support Operations
  - Meat & Poultry
  - Fish & Shellfish
  - Brewing
  - Fresh Produce
  - Milling & Cereals
  - Sweet Confectionery

- The following existing SVQs were reviewed by employers, providers and stakeholders in 2018-19:
  - SVQ in Food and Drink Operations (Brewing Skills) at SCQF L5
  - SVQ in Food and Drink Operations (Livestock Market Droving Skills) at SCQF L5
- Both SVQs are currently going through the finals stages of the accreditation process and should be available imminently
- Once available, they will be included in updated Modern Apprenticeship Frameworks
- Launch of the Brewing MA is currently being planned for summer 2019



# Distilling Sector Developments

- During 2018-19, employers initiated a project to develop a brand new Modern Apprenticeship for the Distilling sector
- An outline SVQ and MA Framework was developed – but employers have requested that a further review of the content of the units be undertaken before this project is finalised (some of the content felt to be too generic)
- There will be a review of the sector NOS during 2019 (workshop with employers and stakeholders being planned for June 2019)
- Following updates to the sector NOS, the SVQ will be finalised, with a view to having a new MA available late 2019-early 2020
- Employers are keen that generic standards include specific distilling requirements – the sector are looking for a qualification covering production of spirits, handling of spirits, bottling & packaging
- Likely to be at SCQF L6 and potential for further qualifications to be proposed to support the distilling sector



# Planned Developments 2019-20

- Planning is currently underway to look at future NOS, SVQ and MA projects to support the sector in Scotland
- NOS due for review include Food Safety, Food Science and Food Engineering – possibly projects for 2019-20 with employers across the UK
- NOS reviews undertaken during 2018-19 are likely to lead to reviews of some existing SVQs and MAs – including Meat & Poultry and Fish & Shellfish
- Employers increasingly keen to establish comparable qualifications across the UK – the existing range of food and drink SVQs has been available for a number of years and feedback is being sought on their appropriateness
- Research has indicated demand for higher level, more technical, qualifications and MAs