

J1WL 45 Barista Skills (SCQF level 5)



Resource requirements

Delivery and assessment should take place in a real or realistic working environment with specialist equipment and appropriate service items. The students should be dealing with paying customers and there should be multiple opportunities for them to produce the range of coffees and other beverages to a professional standard.

Centres considering offering this qualification would also need to ensure anyone delivering and assessing has current occupational experience in barista skills, including latte art. They must be trained in the operation of specialist coffee making equipment and ideally have experience of working in a commercial coffee shop or hospitality establishment.

In addition, as students will be using pressurised boiling water and steam, centres are expected to have carried out a risk assessment when considering offering the Barista Skills award.

Equipment should include:

- ◆ commercial espresso machine*
- ◆ grinders
- ◆ knock boxes
- ◆ tampers
- ◆ thermometers
- ◆ frothers
- ◆ jugs or pitchers
- ◆ blenders or smoothie machines
- ◆ measuring spoons or scales

***A commercial espresso machine would typically:**

- ◆ be made from durable materials that can withstand a lot of use
- ◆ be plumbed in but, if not plumbed in, with a minimum tank capacity of 5 litres
- ◆ be semi-automatic
- ◆ include the following components:
 - a water pump (capable of delivering at least 9 bars of pressure)
 - a water circulation system and boiler
 - multiple group heads (although a smaller machine with a single group head would be acceptable)
 - portafilter(s)
 - pressure gauge
 - steam wand

Service items should include:

- ◆ crockery and glassware
- ◆ cafetières and/or coffee pots
- ◆ tea pots
- ◆ cutlery
- ◆ stencils
- ◆ napkins

Stock items should include:

- ◆ coffee beans
- ◆ ground coffee
- ◆ teas
- ◆ chai
- ◆ hot chocolate powder or syrup
- ◆ flavoured syrups
- ◆ milk/cream and milk substitutes
- ◆ sugar and sweeteners
- ◆ fruit juices
- ◆ dusting powder
- ◆ marshmallows
- ◆ fresh fruit items
- ◆ Access to ice (for frappes, etc)