

**Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Professional
Food and Beverage Service (QCF)
Qualification Number: 601/6951/5**

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The **Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Professional Food and Beverage Service (QCF)** is a recognised qualification for those wishing to work or starting work in the hospitality sector, and is designed to provide learners with a broad range of underpinning occupational knowledge and practical application that is required by employers to start work within a food and beverage service role with a broader remit.

Achievement of this qualification prepares the individual to enter the Hospitality sector in the potential job roles listed below at this level, from where they can work towards further qualifications to confirm occupational competence such as the Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Food and Beverage Service (QCF) or the Intermediate Apprenticeships in Food and Beverage Service. However, this qualification is also suitable preparation for the Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food and Beverage Service.

This qualification is related to the National Occupational Standards for the Hospitality Sector as defined by People 1st, the Sector Skills Council.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification comprises of 25 credits and 183 Guided Learning Hours.

Learners will complete nine mandatory units in the following subjects:

- Food safety in catering
- Introduction to Employability in the Catering and Hospitality Industry
- Food and beverage service skills
- Health and safety awareness for catering and hospitality
- Legislation in food and beverage service
- Understand menus
- Dealing with payments and bookings
- Bar service skills
- Hot Beverage Skills

How is this qualification assessed?

This qualification is assessed through internal assessment (centre devised assessments including written assignments, practical tasks and observations, portfolio of evidence etc).

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and over who are capable of reaching the required standards. There are no specific prior qualifications, knowledge or experience needed before starting the qualification.

Learners are likely to be those recently employed in the industry or seeking work within the hospitality sector in an entry level food and beverage service role. As all units are mandatory, it is designed for learners that wish to have a broader training and development programme and have a wider remit within their role than those who take the similarly titled **Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Professional Food and Beverage Service Skills (QCF)**.

It is also suitable for those looking to progress onto the Food and Beverage Service apprenticeship programme or the next level of vocational learning but need some additional learning first.

This qualification is particularly suitable for learners that may not yet be able to reach the Level 2 requirements but still want to work in the industry. It is also aimed at learners that wish to develop both practical and knowledge based skills and understanding directly related to working in Food and Beverage Service but cannot undertake the Level 2 NVQ Diploma or Apprenticeship in those areas as they are not employed on a full time basis or minimum of a 1 year contract or their job does not cover the range required to meet the Level 2 programmes.

What are the potential job roles for those working towards this qualification?

- Food and Beverage Assistant
- Front of house Assistant

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who have achieved this qualification could progress to full time employment working in a restaurant, hotel or pub companies using the skills and knowledge they have acquired.

They could also progress on to related qualifications, for example:

- Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Food and Beverage Service) (QCF) - 600/0847/7
- Pearson Edexcel Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Food and Beverage Service (QCF)- 500/9937/1
- Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food and Beverage Service (QCF) – 601/6944/8

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is highly valued by The Craft Guild of Chefs: <http://craftguildofchefs.org/>