UNIT TITLE: ORGANISE FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS		NOMINAL HOURS: 50	
UNIT NUMBER: D1.HCC.CL2.05			
UNIT DESCRIPTOR: This unit deals with skills and knowledge required by cooks and chefs to plan_and organise food service operations in commercial food production environments			
ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	UNIT VARIABLE AND ASSESSMENT GUIDE		
Element 1: Plan for food service production	Unit Variables		
1.1 Plan menu for specific event/occasion including resources	The Unit Variables provide advice to interpret the scope and context of this unit of competence, allowing for differences between enterprises and workplaces. It relates to the unit as a whole and facilitates holistic assessment. This unit applies to all industry sectors that organise food service within the labour divisions of the hotel and travel industries and may include: 1. Food Production.		
1.2 Determine <i>quantities</i> required for food items as per <i>standard recipes</i>			
1.3 Order products required from suppliers with specifications for products			
1.4 Prepare production sheets/work schedules	Specific event/occasion may be related to:		
Element 2: Prepare and produce food items for food service	FestivalCultural event		
2.1 Identify and plan work flow	Religious event		
2.2 Communicate with production team	Ceremonial occasion		
Element 3: Set up kitchen for food service	Contemporary		
3.1 Place personnel ready for service	Modern.		
3.2 Allocate equipment	Quantities may include:		
3.3 Determine service style to suit operation	Standard recipes		
3.4 Determine service flow for service style	Yield percentages		

Element 4: Hold and store products for food service

- **4.1** Use appropriate *preparation and cooking methods*
- **4.2** Use appropriate equipment
- **4.3** Follow food safety requirements
- 4.4 Hold menu items
- **4.5** Reheat menu items
- **4.6** Serve and present food items in line with customer volume

Element 5: Store products after food service to maintain quality

- **5.1** Store fresh and/or Cryovac items correctly
- **5.2** Change *storage* containers and trays to enterprise standards
- 5.3 Label Items correctly
- **5.4** Store products in *correct conditions* to maintain freshness and quality and minimise wastage

- Portion numbers
- · Stock on hand.

Standard recipes may relate to:

- Presentation standards
- Portion control/yields
- Ingredients lists
- Methods of preparation.

Order may be related to:

- Quantities
- Supplier of meat, poultry, fruit and vegetables
- · Purchasing specifications
- Delivery times
- Availability
- Seasonality.

Schedules may include:

- Mise en place
- Kitchen section
- Quantities.

Work flow may be related to:

- Production days
- Prioritised preparation
- Storage
- Standard recipes.

Communicate with may relate to:

- Debriefing
- Allocated tasks
- Time limits
- Dish numbers
- Service times
- Special items
- Service styles.

Personnel may be related to:

- Dish, including plate, garnish, clean
- Sequence, plating arrangement.

Equipment may relate to:

- Tables, bench space
- Ladles, spoons, tongs
- Pallet knife, lifters
- Chopping boards
- Trays, wires
- · Heat cloths.

Service style should related to:

- Function
- A la carte
- Buffet
- Plated, bowl, tray.

Service flow may include:

- Production line
- Individual
- 50 / 50.

Preparation and cooking methods may include

- Chopping, cutting, peeling
- Braising
- Stewing
- Poaching
- Boiling, simmering
- Steaming, including atmospheric and/or pressure
- Roasting, pot roasting
- Baking
- Grilling
- Deep and shallow frying
- Wrapped food, including paper bag, vine, banana leaf, paper, bark
- Microwave.

Food safety requirements may relate to:

- Handling foods
- Cross contamination
- Hold temperatures and times
- Storage of foods
- Recording times and temperatures.

Hold menu items may relate to:

- Temperature and time controls
- Use of appropriate equipment
- · Recording information.

Reheat menu items may relate to:

- Temperature and time controls
- Use of appropriate equipment
- Recording information
- Use of appropriate cooking/reheating methods for menu item.

Serve and present food items may relate to:

- Portioning
- Temperature
- Packaging
- Garnish.

Store may include:

- Cool room temperature
- Cool room placement
- Length of time in cool storage
- Freezer temperature
- Length of time in freezer storage
- Appropriate process followed, such as Cryovac, ice packed.

Storage must include:

- · Storage containers before assembly
- Storage containers after assembly
- Dietary and cultural styles/flavours
- Labelled
- Freshness, quality and presentation
- Temperature and humidity.

Label must include:

- Date
- Item name
- Handler name
- Time, temperature, storage.

Correct conditions should include:

- Temperature and humidity
- Stock rotation
- Reporting faults
- Changing containers.

Assessment Guide

The following skills and knowledge must be assessed as part of this unit:

- Knowledge of correct method is demonstrated for organising food service
- Ability to identify food products by sight

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- Overview of the relevant legislation in relation to food handling, food storage, chemical storage and general premises food safety
- Ability to demonstrate safe practical skills using equipment/utensils
- Ability to interpret and adhere to enterprise recipes
- Ability to communicate effectively whilst under pressure
- Ability to organise a range of activities/tasks to work sequentially/concurrently.

Linkages To Other Units

- Comply with workplace hygiene procedures
- Implement occupational health and safety procedures
- · Prepare and store food
- Work effectively with colleagues and customers
- Maintain strategies for safe food storage
- Present and display food products
- Apply basic techniques of commercial cookery.

Critical Aspects of Assessment

Evidence of the following is essential:

- Knowledge of the classifications and characteristics of organising food service and the terminology used
- Demonstrate safe and hygienic handling of products
- Demonstrate ability to hold and store products for a particular occasion
- Demonstrate ability to store various buffet items to industry and enterprise standards
- Knowledge of appropriate portion control and wastage
- Demonstrate complementary presentation, garnishing and techniques

- Demonstrate creative and artistic skills in preparation, decoration of food items
- Demonstrate ability to organise the food service operations for a specified occasion/event including:
 - Planning the menu
 - Determining quantities of food items
 - Planning the work flow prior to and during the occasion/event
 - Communicating with the front of house and back of house work teams
 - Identifying the service style for the event/occasion.

Context of Assessment

This unit may be assessed on or off the job

- Assessment should include practical demonstration either in the workplace or through a simulation activity, supported by a range of methods to assess underpinning knowledge
- Assessment must relate to the individual's work area or area of responsibility
- Demonstration of skills on more than one occasion.

Resource Implications

Training and assessment must include access and use to a fully equipped commercial kitchen, use of real ingredients and service equipment; and access to workplace standards, procedures, policies, guidelines, tools and equipment.

Assessment Methods

The following methods may be used to assess competency for this unit:

- Observation of practical candidate performance
- Oral and written questions
- Third party reports completed by a supervisor
- · Project and assignment work
- Sampling of dishes prepared by the student.

Key Competencies in this Unit

Level 1 = competence to undertake tasks effectively

Level 2 = competence to manage tasks

Level 3 = competence to use concepts for evaluating

Key Competencies	Level	Examples
Collecting, organising and analysing information	2	Determine requirements of standard recipes and/or menu requirements; collect equipment, commodities and ingredients; read menus, recipes and task sheets; select and obtain commodities; organise ingredients and task sheets
Communicating ideas and information	2	Share information with kitchen, floor service staff; read recipes, menus, instructions and orders
Planning and organising activities	3	Work within time constraints in a logical sequence; plan logical and efficient sequencing and timing of tasks
Working with others and in teams	2	Work cooperatively with other team members
Using mathematical ideas and techniques	2	Calculating portions, weighing and measuring quantities against standard recipes and/or menu requirements
Solving problems	2	Identify and correct problems in the preparation and production of products, such as ingredient quality and equipment failure
Using technology	1	Use mechanical kitchen equipment, including weighing equipment