

# DID YOU KNOW?

The **Food and Drink Manufacturing sector** has a turnover of **£96bn**

Around **109,000** new jobs will be needed in **Food Manufacturing** between **2012 and 2022** across the **UK**, more than any other manufacturing sector.

The **average salary** in the **food sector** is **£24,990**

and **£33,663** in beverages. Wages in the **Food and Drink sector** are **rising faster** than in any other major manufacturing sector.



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## Apprenticeship

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**The food and drink industry is dynamic, fast-paced and high-tech – not to mention well paid! With plenty of exciting opportunities for progression and roles that require varying levels of responsibility, your career path could go in so many different directions; it's really up to you!**

**Food Technologists are key to the food & drink industry. From checking the quality of raw ingredients, to assessing the final product, you'll work hard to ensure that food is safe – and consistently delicious. You'll also experience the satisfaction of helping to develop new products from scratch.**

## THE APPRENTICESHIP

Our Food Technologist Apprenticeship has been designed and approved by the food and drink industry to give you the specific skills, knowledge and experience they're looking for. So once you qualify, you'll have a solid foundation to take your career as far as you like.



Your training will include both classroom and on-the-job learning to fully prepare you for the demanding food production environment. This is especially important because in your role, you'll have the responsibility of making sure new ideas are delivered safely.

## ABOUT YOU

If you're interested in how food tastes and how it's produced, then you'll make a great Food Technologist. You don't need to have any previous experience, but you do need to be passionate about what you do.

Ideally you'll like learning about the composition of food and food science and you'll get excited at the thought of inventing new things – because your role will cover all of these aspects.



This qualification has been created in conjunction with the food & drink industry and approved by leading industry experts to include the specific elements employers will be looking for in the future.



## EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Throughout your Apprenticeship you'll benefit from both classroom and on-the-job learning – and get paid! You'll start on around **£13,000 in your first year**, which will rise to around **£25,000 in your last year**. So you won't need a loan or build up debts while you study.

**Qualified apprentices can look forward to an average starting salary of**

**£28,000**

how to taste products and identifying their key attributes will be a significant part of your training. As will developing your knowledge of food science – including microbiology and chemistry – to help you appreciate the factors that influence taste, flavour and safety.



## YOUR STUDIES

Over the course of 24-30 months, you'll develop a thorough understanding of the food and drink industry. You'll get to know all the vital processes and standards, and see why maintaining good practice is so important. Learning

On the way to achieving your Apprenticeship, you will acquire an L3 Diploma in Food Technology – a qualification that's awarded by OAL and recognised by the industry. You'll also achieve other qualifications, such as an L3 Award in Food Safety, and an L3 Award in HACCP, which will help to boost your CV.

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