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Release 1	This version released with FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package Version 6.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to set up, operate, monitor, adjust and shut down a conching process to blend and process ingredients for making chocolate.

This unit applies to individuals who work as production workers and are responsible for the operation and monitoring of chocolate conching process equipment in a confectionery production environment.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory health and safety and food safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Confectionery (CON)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare the conching equipment and process for operation	1.1 Confirm refined mass is available for product specification 1.2 Identify and confirm cleaning and maintenance requirements according to workplace requirements 1.3 Identify safety requirements and wear appropriate personal

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	protective equipment, ensuring correct fit 1.4 Identify food safety requirements for the task and product 1.5 Fit and adjust machine components and related attachments 1.6 Enter processing or operating parameters according to equipment operating instructions 1.7 Check and adjust equipment performance according to operating parameters 1.8 Carry out pre-start checks according to operating procedures
2. Operate and monitor equipment	2.1 Start and operate the conching process safely according to operating instructions and safety procedures 2.2 Monitor equipment to identify variation in operating conditions 2.3 Make final additions according to the recipe 2.4 Adjust equipment operations to meet product specification 2.5 Take samples and confirm that ingredients are blended and emulsified and specifications are met at each stage according to recipe 2.6 Identify, adjust or report out-of-specification product or process outcomes according to workplace procedures 2.7 Maintain the work area according to workplace procedures 2.8 Maintain workplace records according to workplace procedures
3. Shut down the conching process	3.1 Identify the appropriate shutdown procedure according to operating instructions 3.2 Shut down the process safely according to shutdown procedures 3.3 Identify and report maintenance requirements according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
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Reading	Interpret information in recipes, equipment operational instructions and workplace procedures
Writing	- Accurately enter operational data into production equipment - Complete processing records using electronic, digital and/or paper-based formats
Numeracy	- Read and interpret equipment gauges and scales - Apply basic calculations to quantities in recipes for production volume and equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FBPCON3003 Operate and monitor a chocolate conching process	FBPCON2003 Operate a chocolate conching process	Unit code and title updated to better match complexity of task Minor changes to Performance Criteria to clarify intent Foundation Skills refined Performance Evidence clarified Minor changes to Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for FBPCON3003 Operate and monitor a chocolate conching process

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has operated a conching process to prepare at least one batch of chocolate to meet product specifications, including:

- applying food safety procedures to work practices
- following safe work procedures
- taking corrective action in response to typical faults and inconsistencies.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- purpose and basic principles of conching chocolate, including:
 - processing stages in chocolate making and the role of conching
 - ingredients used in chocolate and those added during conching, including ingredients in different types of chocolate as appropriate to production requirements, and an understanding of the quality requirements and role of each main ingredient
 - changes that occur in ingredients during conching
 - significance of viscosity and methods of adjustment
- basic operating principles of equipment, including main equipment components, status and purpose of guards, equipment operating capacities and applications, and the purpose and location of sensors and related feedback instrumentation
- services required and action to take if services are not available
- the flow of the conching process and the effect of outputs on downstream processes
- quality requirements of mass and ingredients used, and effect of variation on process performance and outputs
- quality characteristics required of the conching stage
- operating requirements and parameters, and corrective action required where operation is outside specified operating parameters

- typical equipment faults and related causes, including signs and symptoms of faulty equipment and early warning signs of potential problems
- methods used to monitor the conching process, including an understanding of particle size and other inspections and tests as required
- good manufacturing practices (GMP) relevant to work task
- inspection or test points (control points) in the process and the related procedures and recording requirements
- contamination/food safety risks and related control measures
- health and safety hazards and controls relevant to conching process
- requirements of different shutdowns as appropriate to the conching process and workplace production requirements, including emergency and routine shutdowns and procedures to follow in the event of a power outage
- isolation, lock-out and tag-out procedures and responsibilities
- product and process changeover procedures and responsibilities
- procedures and responsibility for reporting production and performance information
- environmental issues and controls relevant to the conching process, including waste and rework collection and handling procedures related to the process
- basic operating principles of process control where relevant, including the relationship between control panels and systems and the physical equipment
- cleaning and sanitisation procedures for chocolate conching equipment
- procedures to record traceability of product.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - personal protective equipment
 - conching equipment
 - ingredients used in the preparation of chocolate products
 - sampling schedules and test procedures and equipment
 - cleaning procedures, materials and equipment
- specifications:
 - work procedures, including advice on safe work practices, food safety, quality and environmental requirements
 - information on equipment capacity and operating parameters
 - recipe/batch specifications, control points and processing parameters
 - documentation and recording requirements and procedures.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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