



Australian Government

SITHASC014 Prepare dim sum

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to prepare and cook dim sum following standard recipes. It requires the ability to select, prepare and portion ingredients and to use relevant equipment and cookery methods.

The unit applies to hospitality and catering organisations that offer Chinese cuisine, and to cooks who usually work under the guidance of more senior chefs.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety

Competency Field

Asian Cookery

Unit Sector

Hospitality

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Select ingredients.	1.1.Confirm food production requirements from food preparation list and standard recipes. 1.2.Calculate ingredient amounts according to requirements. 1.3.Identify and select dim sum ingredients from stores according to recipe, quality, freshness and stock rotation requirements. 1.4.Check perishable supplies for spoilage or contamination prior to preparation.
2. Select, prepare and use equipment.	2.1.Select type and size of equipment suitable to requirements. 2.2.Safely assemble and ensure cleanliness of equipment before

- use.
- 2.3. Use equipment safely and hygienically according to manufacturer instructions.
3. Portion and prepare ingredients.
- 3.1. Sort and assemble ingredients according to food production sequencing.
- 3.2. Measure, weigh and portion ingredients according to recipe requirements.
- 3.3. Minimise waste to maximise profitability of food items prepared.
4. Cook dim sum.
- 4.1. Portion dim sum precisely.
- 4.2. Prepare fillings, glazing and coating agents to correct consistency, according to recipe.
- 4.3. Size and shape buns and dumplings.
- 4.4. Select and use dim sum cookery methods.
- 4.5. Prepare accompaniments as required.
- 4.6. Follow standard recipes and make **food quality adjustments** within scope of responsibility.
5. Present and store sweet and savoury dim sum.
- 5.1. Portion and serve dim sum according to recipe requirements.
- 5.2. Present dim sum on appropriate service-ware.
- 5.3. Add accompaniments according to standard recipe requirements.
- 5.4. Visually evaluate dish and **adjust presentation**.
- 5.5. Ensure food safety, quality and shelf life by storing dim sum and accompaniments in appropriate **environmental conditions**.
- 5.6. Clean work area and dispose of or store surplus and re-usable by-products according to organisational procedures, environmental considerations and cost-reduction initiatives.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

SKILLS

DESCRIPTION

Reading skills to:

- locate information in food preparation lists and standard recipes to determine food preparation requirements
- interpret manufacturer instructions for equipment
- locate and read date codes and rotation labels on food products.

Writing skills to:

- record notes on recipe requirements.

- Numeracy skills to:
- calculate the number of portions
 - determine cooking times and temperatures
 - measure familiar quantities of ingredients using simple measuring instruments.
- Problem-solving skills to:
- evaluate quality of dim sum and make adjustments to ensure a quality product
 - adjust taste and appearance of food products according to identified deficiencies.
- Planning and organising skills to:
- efficiently sequence the stages of food preparation and production.
- Self-management skills to:
- manage own speed, timing and productivity.

Range of Conditions

Specifies different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Food quality adjustments must involve consideration of factors relating to:

- taste
- temperature
- texture.

Adjusting presentation must involve consideration of:

- accompaniments and garnishes to maximise visual appeal:
 - balance
 - colour
 - contrast
- plating food for practicality of:
 - customer consumption
 - service
- wiping drips and spills.

Environmental conditions must ensure appropriate:

- atmosphere
- humidity
- light
- packaging
- temperature
- use of containers
- ventilation.

Unit Mapping Information

SITHASC307 Produce dim sum

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SITHASC014 Prepare dim sum

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- prepare six different types of dim sum from the list in the knowledge evidence
- prepare appropriate accompaniments for the above dim sum
- demonstrate use of each of the following preparation methods when preparing dim sum:
 - blending and balancing flavours and aromatics
 - cutting
- demonstrate use of each of the following cookery methods and complete mise en place activities when preparing dim sum:
 - boiling
 - deep-frying
 - shallow frying
 - braising
 - steaming
- prepare above dim sum for at least six different customers:
 - within commercial time constraints
 - reflecting required quantities to be produced
 - following procedures for portion control and food safety practices when handling and storing dim sum
 - responding to special customer requests and dietary requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- culinary terms and trade names for ingredients commonly used in the production of dim sum:
 - coating and setting agents
 - coconut products
 - fat compounds
 - fillings
 - flours
 - herbs and spices

- oils
- meat
- seafood
- vegetables
- required changes to dim sum to reflect cultural and regional considerations and variations
- contents of stock date codes and rotation labels
- characteristics of dim sum ingredients and finished dishes:
 - accompaniments and garnishes
 - appearance and presentation
 - freshness and other quality indicators
 - nutritional value
 - service style
 - taste
 - texture
- types of dim sum and preparation and cookery methods:
 - chicken buns
 - chive dumplings
 - pork buns
 - pork wontons
 - pot-sticker dumplings
 - prawn dumplings
 - soup meat buns
 - spring rolls
 - stuffed bean curd
 - stuffed crab claws
 - symbolic dim sum
 - vegetarian dumplings
- effects of cooking techniques on nutrition, taste, texture and appearance
- appropriate environmental conditions for storing dim sum products and dishes to:
 - ensure food safety
 - optimise shelf life
- safe operational practices using essential functions and features of equipment used to produce and present dim sum.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in an operational commercial kitchen. This can be:

- an industry workplace
- a simulated industry environment, such as a training kitchen servicing customers.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- fixtures and large equipment:
 - commercial:
 - blenders and food mills
 - food processors
 - planetary mixers
 - commercial grade work benches (1.5m/person)
 - commercial refrigeration facilities:
 - freezer
 - fridge
 - designated storage area for dry goods and perishables
 - double sink
 - gas electric or induction stove tops (two burners per person)
- small equipment:
 - containers for hot and cold food
 - cutting boards
 - food handler gloves
 - graters and peelers
 - knives:
 - filleting knives
 - utility knives
 - marble bench or slab
 - measures:
 - metric calibrated measuring jugs
 - measuring spoons
 - portion controlled scoops
 - mincers
 - mortar and pestle
 - pastry and dough rollers
 - pans and pots:
 - stainless steel, cast iron and non-stick fry pans
 - pots
 - service-ware:
 - platters, dishes and bowls
 - cutlery and serving utensils
 - chopsticks
 - small utensils:
 - flour and drum sieves
 - skimmers

- strainers
- scrapers
- spatulas
- pastry brush
- fruit corers
- whisks:
 - fine stainless steel wire
 - coarse stainless steel wire
- spoons:
 - large plain and slotted metal spoons
 - ladles in a variety of sizes
 - serving spoons
 - wooden spoons
- steamers:
 - traditional
 - electric
- diverse and comprehensive range of perishable food supplies for Asian cookery
- cleaning materials and equipment:
 - cleaning cloths
 - commercial cleaning and sanitising agents and chemicals for cleaning commercial kitchens, equipment and food storage areas
 - dustpans and brooms
 - garbage bins and bags
 - hand towel dispenser and hand towels
 - mops and buckets
 - separate hand basin and antiseptic liquid soap dispenser for hand washing
 - sponges, brushes and scourers
 - tea towels
- organisational specifications:
 - equipment manufacturer instructions
 - current commercial stock control procedures and documentation for ordering, monitoring and maintaining stock
 - mise en place lists, menus, standard recipes and recipes for special dietary requirements
 - ordering and docketing paperwork
 - food safety plan
 - guidelines relating to food disposal, storage and presentation requirements
 - safety data sheets (SDS) for cleaning agents and chemicals
- industry-realistic ratios of kitchen staff to customers; these can be:
 - staff and customers in an industry workplace during the assessment process; or

- individuals who participate in role plays or simulated activities, set up for the purpose of assessment, in a simulated industry environment operated within a training organisation.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors; and:

- have worked in industry for at least three years where they have applied the skills and knowledge of this unit of competency.

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