



Australian Government

SITHASC021 Prepare Asian appetisers and snacks

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

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

The unit applies to hospitality and catering organisations that offer Asian cuisine and to cooks who usually work under the guidance of more senior chefs. The unit may be applied to one or more Asian cuisines.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Unit Code	Unit Title
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SITXFSA005	Use hygienic practices for food safety
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Competency Field

Asian Cookery

Unit Sector

Hospitality

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1. Select ingredients.
 - 1.1. Confirm food production requirements from standard recipes.
 - 1.2 Calculate ingredient amounts according to requirements.
 - 1.3. Identify and select appetiser and snack 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. Weigh and measure ingredients according to recipe requirements.
 - 3.3. Prepare, cut and portion ingredients according to recipe and cooking style.
 - 3.4. Minimise waste to maximise profitability of food items prepared.
4. Prepare appetisers and snacks.
 - 4.1. Select and use relevant cookery processes for appetisers and snacks.
 - 4.2. Prepare stocks according to recipe.
 - 4.3. Prepare condiments according to recipe.
 - 4.4. Follow standard recipes and make food quality adjustments within scope of responsibility.
5. Present and store appetisers and snacks.
 - 5.1. Present dishes on appropriate service-ware.
 - 5.2. Add dips, sauces and garnishes according to standard recipes.
 - 5.3. Visually evaluate dish and adjust presentation.
 - 5.4. Store dishes in appropriate environmental conditions.
 - 5.5. 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 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 quantities of ingredients using simple measuring instruments.
Problem-solving skills to:	- evaluate quality of ingredients and finished dishes and make adjustments to ensure a quality product - adjust taste, texture 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.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to SITHASC002 Prepare Asian appetisers and snacks.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=68c40a93-e51d-4e0f-bc06-899dff092694>

Assessment Requirements for SITHASC021 Prepare Asian appetisers and snacks

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Not applicable.

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:

- follow standard recipes to prepare at least six different appetisers or snacks from at least three different Asian cuisines from the following list (across the preparation of the six dishes):
 - Chinese
 - Indian
 - Indonesian
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Malay and Nonya
 - Thai
 - Vietnamese
- complete mise en place activities and use at least eight of the cookery processes listed in the knowledge evidence when preparing above six dishes
- prepare, plate and present above dishes:
 - within commercial time constraints
 - following procedures for portion control and food safety practices when handling and storing appetisers or snacks
 - responding to at least one special customer request.

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 producing different Asian appetisers and snacks
- required changes to dips, sauces and garnishes to reflect cultural and regional considerations and variations
- contents of date codes and rotation labels for stock
- characteristics of Asian appetisers and snacks:
 - appearance and presentation
 - freshness and other quality indicators

- service style
- taste
- texture
- cookery processes for Asian appetisers and snacks:
 - baking
 - barbecuing
 - boiling
 - braising
 - deep-frying
 - grilling
 - oil and water blanching
 - roasting
 - shallow frying
 - steaming
 - stewing
 - stir-frying
- historical and cultural origin of different Asian appetisers and snacks
- appropriate environmental conditions for storing appetisers and snacks to:
 - ensure food safety
 - optimise shelf life
- safe operational practices using essential functions and features of equipment used to produce Asian appetisers and snacks.

Assessment Conditions

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

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

Assessment must ensure access to:

- fixtures and large equipment:
 - commercial:
 - blenders and food mills
 - food processors
 - commercial grade work benches (1.5m/person)
 - commercial refrigeration facilities:
 - freezer
 - fridge
 - burners, grillers, ovens or salamanders as appropriate for the particular type of cuisine
 - designated storage areas for dry goods and perishables

- sink
- gas electric or induction stove tops (two burners per person)
- storage facilities
- small equipment:
 - containers for hot and cold food
 - cutting boards
 - graters and peelers
 - knives and cleavers:
 - Asian carving knife set
 - measures:
 - measuring jugs
 - measuring spoons
 - portion controlled scoops
 - pans and pots:
 - stainless steel, cast iron and non-stick fry pans
 - steamers
 - stock pots
 - woks
 - scales
 - service-ware:
 - platters, dishes and bowls
 - cutlery and serving utensils
 - chopsticks
 - sets of stainless steel bowls
 - sharpening steels and stones
 - skewers
 - small utensils:
 - scoops, skimmers and spiders
 - strainers
 - scrapers
 - tongs
 - whisks
 - spoons and ladles
 - spice grinder
 - temperature probe
 - thermometer
- food safe gloves
- 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 soap 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 and standard recipes
 - food safety plan
 - guidelines relating to food disposal, storage and presentation requirements
 - safety data sheets (SDS) for cleaning agents and chemicals
- safe working environment.

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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