

Production Chef

This role is found in a diverse range of organisations including high street and pub casual dining, the armed forces, schools, hospitals and care homes, work canteens, maritime, and more.

The broad purpose of this occupation is to work with centrally developed standardised recipes and menus, producing food using majority pre-prepared ingredients often in high volumes.

In some key environments, a production chef cooks for people with special dietary requirements such as children in schools, elderly people in care homes, or people who are unwell or recovering from illness in hospitals.

You can see more information about the apprenticeship standard at [Skills England](#).



months minimum*

Assessment methods

1

Multiple choice test

The knowledge test will cover operation, nutrition, legal and governance, people, business/commercial and personal development and performance. 60 minute time limit to answer 30 questions using iLearner's online test tool.

2

Observation

The three hour observation in a production kitchen environment, in the apprentice's normal place of work. The observation may be split to cover both preparation and service.

3

Professional discussion

A 40-minute structured discussion between your apprentice and an iCQ assessor, including aspects of the standard not seen in the observation and a selection of pre-prepared discussion areas.



Learning



Gateway



End-Point Assessment

The EPA Process



Gateway meeting:

training provider, employer and apprentice meet to determine if they are ready for their EPA, and submit any files as needed through the iLearner system.



Assessor meeting:

the employer and an iCQ Assessor meet to agree any evidence submitted by the apprentice and plan dates for assessments.



Learner preparation:

the employer and training provider make sure the learner is familiar with the iLearner tools and formats of their assessments.

End-Point Assessment is carried out by iCQ Assessor.

Cost	£800 (in person)
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With you every step of the way

iCQ support the complete apprenticeship journey for employers, training providers and learners through our innovative iLearner platform – making it easy and quick to record and track progress.



*Apprenticeship starts from 1st August 2025 are eligible for the 8-month minimum duration, starts before 1st August 2025 are subject to a 12-month minimum duration.