

BTEC APPRENTICESHIP IN CRAFT CUISINE

AAA ASSESSMENT ROUTE - INFORMATION FOR APPROVED CENTRES

Competency Qualification: Edexcel Diploma in Craft Cuisine (at Level 2 or 3)

Eligibility

Before taking the final, independently assessed, units of the Diploma (Practical Skills for a Craft Chef and Preparing for Career Progression as a Craft Chef), your learners must first have passed all the preceding units in the Diploma. Your own centre will carry out the assessment for these units. Your learners must also have gained their knowledge qualification, the Edexcel BTEC Certificate in Hospitality and Catering Principles (Professional Cookery), which can be assessed via online multiple choice examinations (bookable via Edexcel Online) or via a portfolio of evidence assessed at your centre and verified by Edexcel. These achievements should be logged at Edexcel Online. The summative assessment can then be conducted and in this routing takes the form of the Applied Ability Award (AAA) exam, which is carried out by AAA chef assessors at an independent location. (N.B. Edexcel is part of Pearson Work Based Learning.)

Registering for the Applied Ability Award (AAA) Exam

To register for the exam and reserve a place for your learner, you should complete the 'Registration & Skill Scan' for either the AAA Foundation Chef (Level 2) syllabus or the AAA Chef (Level 3) syllabus. This is an integral part of your registration for the BTEC Apprenticeship and must be carried out as soon as you have registered with Pearson Edexcel.

The Skill Scan provides a record of each learner's grade of ability prior to starting the Diploma. In addition you are asked to identify the candidate's in-house mentor (optional at Level 3) and to outline the learning schedule you have both agreed with the candidate. With four exam times available per year, you should also anticipate when the learner would be ready to take his or her AAA exam. An exam place will be reserved accordingly, which the AAA office will ask you to either confirm or defer four months beforehand. The AAA exam must be taken within 24 months of registration for the Level 2 qualification, and within 36 months for Level 3.

The relevant syllabus and its 'Registration & Skill Scan' can be downloaded from the Introduction area on the Applied Ability Awards website at www.aaawards.org.uk. The completed 'Scan & Plan' should be returned by post to: Scott Antony, AAA National Office, 1 Greenbank, Burleigh, Glos. GL5 2PL.

Important Notes

1 – Having submitted your 'Registration & Skill Scan' you will receive a personal login for each learner, enabling access to optional online support material from AAA for both the competency and knowledge certificates.

2 - You should immediately advise the AAA office if at any point you wish to bring forward or put back your chosen date, or if the learner leaves your programme. Note, if the learner leaves after confirmation of the exam date (i.e. within four months of the that date) the exam place and fee will be lost, but otherwise we will consider a replacement candidate without further payment.

3 - Centres are encouraged to review each Skill Scan regularly to ensure progress is being made and that the learner is prepared across the chosen AAA syllabus, which is the sole source of the 3½-hour practical exam.

4 – AAA exams are structured for a maximum of 14 and minimum of 10 candidates. Where possible, the exam will be held at a location within the region where the learner is based. If a region has less than 10 candidates for a given date then the exam may be held at a central location and learners will be expected to make their own travel arrangements. Special arrangements regarding location will be considered upon request if individual Centres have 10-14 learners they wish to submit for a particular exam window.

Claiming Learners Certificates in Wales

The AAA office will normally be able to inform you within one week of the exam whether your learner has passed or failed. If passing, your learner will achieve both the Diploma in Craft Cuisine and the certificate for AAA Foundation Chef or AAA Chef, signed by the assessors for the given exam and issued under the authority of the AAA National Committee.

If the learner has failed, the AAA Examiners concerned will provide written feedback with information on the areas that need improvement. The learner can then either consider retaking the AAA exam or just claim notification from Edexcel of the Diploma units that were achieved.

Pass or fail, please report the result at Edexcel Online. Edexcel will then issue BTEC and Edexcel - branded certificates of completion for whatever Apprenticeship components have been achieved. If all the components have been achieved you can then apply to People 1st for the overarching Apprenticeship Certificate.

BTEC Apprenticeship in Craft Cuisine: Component Prices (Wales)

COMPONENT	LEVEL 2	LEVEL3
Knowledge	64.15	74.95
Competence	88.75	138.30
English	7.05	7.05
Maths	7.05	7.05
AAA Assessment	500.00	500.00
Total	£667.00	£727.35

These prices are accurate as of the date below. Pearson Work Based Learning and the AAA National Committee reserve the right to alter these prices at any time, although every effort will be made to give Centres prior notice of any alteration.

On receipt of your registration Edexcel will invoice you for all components of your BTEC Apprenticeship minus £250. This invoice will be payable within 30 days with the £250 balance due six months thereafter.

Please note that the above registration cost covers one attempt at the AAA Assessment, as arranged at the outset. Centres wishing to organise retakes for learners should discuss individual cases with the AAA office directly.

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