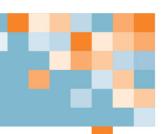


CANDIDATE PREPARATION PACKAGE

PROFESSIONAL COOK 1
PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT
Menu B





Candidate's Name:	
Exam Location:	Date:

Included in this package:

Information about the practical assessment.

Work plans to prepare your menu.

Recipes required for your menu.

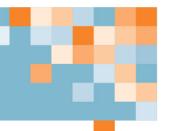
Instructions:

- 1. Read all the information completely about the practical assessment so you are aware of the requirements of your menu.
- 2. Assemble the recipes required to prepare your menu.
- 3. Prepare your work plan for the day of the practical assessment according to the required components.

Overview of Assessment Tasks

- You will be given a list of required menu items and asked to write your work plan.
- You will be asked to prepare, cook and present all menu items within the time limit allocated. One serving of each item is to be served unless otherwise indicated.
- The first 2 hours of the assessment are set aside for preparation no finished dishes may be served during this time.
- After the first 2 hours of preparation, dishes may be presented according to the time line you prepared in your work plan. Dishes must be served in the sequence of the menu. Assessors will require a minimum of 15-20 minutes between dishes being served for assessment.
- If necessary, a maximum of 30 minutes Overtime is permitted for full menu completion. Dishes served
 during this time will lose the *Critical Factor* marks for Timing. After Overtime, no dishes will be
 accepted.
- You can expect the total time of the assessment from your arrival through clean up to be approximately 6 hours.
- Safety, Sanitation, Organization, and Work Habits are assessed throughout the day.





What the Assessor will be looking for:

- Safe work practices are followed.
- Food safety practices are followed.
- Correct selection and use of tools and equipment.
- · Recipes are followed appropriately.
- Proper selection, preparation and storage of ingredients and menu items.
- Correct techniques used for cooking/baking.
- Dishes presented (including garnishes, sauces and accompaniments) are to the industry standard and servable to the customer based on visual appeal, doneness, taste, texture, color, portion size, etc.

Criteria to demonstrate competency

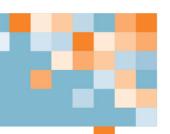
Competence in all 3 sections must be successfully demonstrated in order to pass the practical assessment.

Criteria for each section is as follows:

Section 1: Safety and Sanitation

- 5 of 5 Critical Factors **must** be demonstrated (See Grading Scale Appendix A)
 - Uses safety/personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Follows safety procedures
 - Correct product handling and storage
 - Minimizes risk of cross contamination
 - High level of personal hygiene





Criteria to demonstrate competency, cont.

Section 2: Organization, Technical (Prep) Skills, Cooking Technique

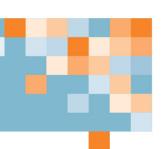
- A minimum 5 of 8 Critical Factors must be demonstrated (See Grading Scale Appendix A)
 - Works in an organized manner
 - o Works well with others
 - Demonstrates suitable knife skills
 - Follows recipes
 - Minimizes wastage
 - Demonstrates a variety of cooking techniques (minimum 4)
 - o Minimizes and rectifies faults
 - Tests for appropriate degree of doneness

Section 3: Finished Products (Dishes)

- A minimum 25 of 35 Critical Factors must be demonstrated (See Grading Scale Appendix A)
- Each of the 5 menu items will be evaluated for the following criteria,
 - <u>Servable product</u> based on taste, texture, doneness, presentation, temperature, portion size, etc.
 - Served within the time limit dishes presented within the time frame and in menu sequence







What do I need to bring?

*Come prepared with the items needed for production

Essential

- Uniform cook's jacket, chef's hat, appropriate pants (checkered, black or white), apron and CSA
 approved footwear.
- PPE i.e. cut resistant gloves
- Small utensils and hand tools see recommended list
- Knives see recommended list
- Cloths white kitchen towels
- Work plan and menu sheets
- Recipes for reference (Hard copies)
- · Paper and pencil/pen for writing
- Timer (Clock or Digital)

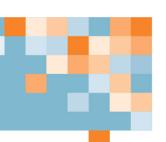
Note - small kitchen utensils and knives will not be provided at the assessment venue

Recommended knife and small tools list

- French / Chef's knife (10" 12")
- Paring knife
- Sharpening steel
- Serrated bread knife
- Flexible wire whisk
- Palette knife / offset spatula
- Rubber spatula
- · Plastic dough scraper
- Set of professional quality tongs
- Vegetable peeler
- Measuring spoons
- Calibrated measuring cups
- Meat thermometer
- Slotted spoon
- Small sieve







Optional

- · Firm boning knife
- Flexible filleting knife
- Turning knife
- Fish tweezers
- · Moulds or special baking dishes as required
- Small food processor
- Immersion blender
- Food mill
- Mandoline
- Piping bags/tips

Supplied

- All food items
- Commercial kitchen equipment, stoves and ovens
- Pots and pans
- Cutting boards
- Prep area with sink
- Refrigerator (may be shared with another candidate)
- Serving plates and platters
- Tasting spoons
- Aluminum foil
- Disposable gloves
- Paper towels
- Parchment paper
- Plastic wrap
- Skewers bamboo

Prohibited

- Any outside food items or convenience products
- Any additional sources of heat or cold (portable burners, refrigerators, etc.)
- Internet connected devices smartphones, tablets, computers, etc.







During the Assessment

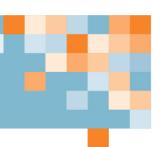
- You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your skills against the standards for Professional Cook 1.
- You will be able to speak with your Assessor and ask for clarification. You will also need to answer questions throughout the assessment. If there are any issues with equipment or ingredients during the assessment, you must notify your Assessor immediately.
- You cannot ask other candidates for assistance or information or interrupt their assessment tasks in any way.
- You cannot use your cell phone during the practical assessment. If you do, your assessment may be compromised.
- While you are undertaking your practical assessment, you are expected to follow personal hygiene, food safety and occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements that apply in the workplace. This includes wearing an appropriate uniform and personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.
- It is essential that you follow all your Assessor's instructions throughout the day.
- Major violations of safety or sanitation procedures may result in termination of the assessment.

Tips for Success

- Practice the menu several times before attempting the practical assessment
- Employ the highest sanitation standards
- Manage your waste, do not toss your green waste before checking with assessor(s)
- Properly anchor cutting board and set your station
- Have a plan for dealing with your dirty dishes
- Set up a place to wash and sanitize properly, have dish soap, scouring pads and sanitizer
- Display your work-plan
- Have your recipes organized
- Use single use tasting spoons
- Clean as you go, wash and sanitize properly, avoid cross contamination
- Have a seasoning tray
- Only have out what you need for the task at hand; everything else is clutter
- Keep high risk foods refrigerated at all times
- If something isn't going as planned, stop, re-evaluate and formulate a new plan; you can still recover







15-30 minutes

15-30 minutes

4 hours

30 minutes

30 minutes

Overview of Assessment Day

Arrival and Briefing Time

- An Assessor will brief you on the practical tasks you will be required to complete.
- You will also receive any additional instructions for your assessment.
- Assessors will be available to answer any questions you have regarding the process.
- You must sign a declaration indicating that all the above has been completed before being allowed to set up your station.

Set Up

- You will be allowed to set up your station and familiarize yourself with the location of kitchen equipment.
- You may finalize your work plan based on the menu you have to prepare.
- Your Assessor will review your work plan and recipes during the assessment.

Practical Assessment

- Your practical assessment will commence, and you will be required to complete the tasks specified in your menu within 4 hours. Preparation is 2 hours. Service of dishes is 2 hours.
- You will need to wear an appropriate uniform and personal protective equipment (PPE) and keep all relevant personal hygiene, food safety and occupational health and safety (OH&S) issues in mind.

Overtime (if necessary)

A maximum of 30 minutes Overtime is permitted for full menu completion. **Dishes served during this time will lose the** *Critical Factor* marks for Timing. After Overtime, no dishes will be accepted.

Clean Up

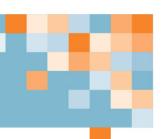
Dishes will **not** be accepted during this time. You will be expected to clean your station and help with any common areas to return the kitchen to the state it was in before the assessment.

Food / Breaks

- If you require a short break during the assessment, it can be scheduled into your work plan. However, the menu still must be completed within the assigned time frame.
- Bathroom breaks may be taken at any time as long as you notify the Assessor.
- Meals are not provided. It is your responsibility to bring drinks, snacks or refreshments that you will need. Water will be available at the venue.







Assessment Tasks - Menu B

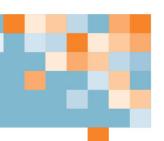
- You will be preparing the menu items from the following categories:
- The recipes for this menu are included in this package.

Category:	Menu Requirements:			
Soup	Cream Soup – Boston Clam Chowder			
	Prepare 1 litre			
	 Serve 1 portion (250 ml) 			
Egg Dish	Poached Eggs with Hollandaise			
	 Prepare 2 eggs cooked medium 			
	 Prepare 1 serving of hollandaise 			
	 Prepare 1 serving of orange segments 			
Cold Dish	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap with Emulsified Caesar Dressing			
	 Prepare 1 serving chicken Caesar salad wrap (made with freshly cooked chicken breast) 			
	 Prepare 200 ml emulsified Caesar dressing 			
Hot Dish	Salmon Fillet with Tomato Vinaigrette			
	Rice Pilaf			
	Green Beans Amandine			
	 Prepare 1 serving salmon fillet w/ tomato vinaigrette (made with freshly cooked salmon fillet) 			
	 Prepare 1 serving rice pilaf 			
	 Prepare 1 serving green beans amandine 			
Quick Bread	Blueberry Muffins			
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CANDIDATE WORK PLAN

Give this sheet to the Assessor to place on your presentation area

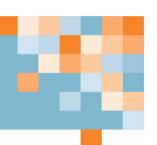
Use this sheet to illustrate each item on your menu, and the service time. No dishes may be served in the first 2 hours, this time is set aside for preparation.

Candidate's Name:	Date:

Menu Item	Description	Service Time
Soup	Cream Soup – Boston Clam Chowder	
Egg Dish	Poached Eggs with Hollandaise	
Cold Dish	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap with Emulsified Caesar Dressing	
Hot Dish	Salmon Fillet with Tomato Vinaigrette, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Amandine	
Quick Bread	Blueberry Muffins	







CANDIDATE DRAFT / PRACTICE WORK PLAN

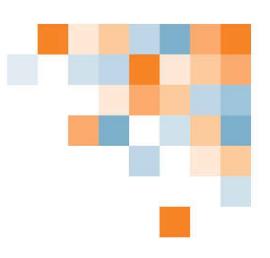
Use this sheet to plan your time to complete all menu items
NOTE: Assessors require a minimum of 15 minutes between dishes being served for assessment

Candidate's Name:	Date:
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Time am / pm	Minutes Allowed	
	15 min	Arrival and sign declaration
	15 min.	Briefing and questions
	30 min.	Gather equipment and dishware, set up station, pre-heat oven
	\downarrow	Begin cooking (2 hours) – no dishes are served during this time
	30 min	
	\downarrow	Begin Service period (2 hours) – dishes are served during this time
	30 min	
	30 min	Overtime – dishes accepted but Critical Factor marks for Timing not achieved.
	30 min	Clean up – no dishes are accepted



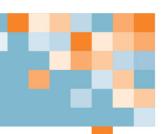




RECIPES - MENU B

PROFESSIONAL COOK 1
PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT





CREAM SOUP:

Yield: 1 litre

Boston Clam Chowder

Serve 1 portion (250 mL)

Ingredients:

75 g	Butter, whole
30 g	Bacon, uncooked, diced
40 g	Yellow onion, small dice
25 g	Celery, small dice
25 g	Carrot, small dice
25 g	Leek, small dice
40 g	Bell pepper, red, small dice
60 g	Flour, all purpose
700 mL	Fish or vegetable stock
150 mL	Clam nectar
80 g	Potato, Russet, peeled, small dice
150 mL	Whipping Cream
50 g	Baby clam meat
To taste	Salt and pepper

Procedure:

- 1. Render bacon in butter, then add onion and sweat until translucent.
- 2. Add celery, carrot, leek, and bell pepper. Cook gently until butter is clear.
- 3. Add flour to form a roux.
- 4. Incorporate the stock and clam nectar and bring to a simmer while soup thickens.
- 5. Add potato and cook until tender.
- 6. Finish with cream, baby clams and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.
- 7. Serve in a warm soup bowl.

<u>Assessor Notes:</u> Clams are provided to the candidate pre-portioned. Bacon is provided pre-weighed and raw; candidate will dice. Vegetables are provided unpeeled and unprocessed.







EGGS: Yield: 1 Serving

Poached Eggs with Hollandaise Sauce

Hollandaise: Yield: (250 mL)

Ingredients:

60 mL Vinegar, white wine

50 ml White wine

20 g Shallot, sliced

5 Peppercorns, cracked

25 mL Water

2 Eggs, large

130 mL Butter, clarified

To taste Lemon juice, fresh

To taste Salt and pepper

As needed Warm water

▶ Make hollandaise as close to service time as possible to reduce the likelihood of food borne illnesses.

Procedure:

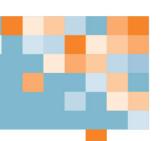
- 1. Combine vinegar, white wine, shallots and peppercorns. Reduce until nearly dry (au sec), then add water and strain.
- 2. Separate the eggs. Reserve whites for otheruse.
- 3. Whisk yolks with reduction over a bain marie until thick and creamy.
- 4. Remove the bowl from heat. Add the butter gradually while whisking continuously.
- 5. Adjust viscosity and flavour using lemon juice, water, salt and pepper.

NOTE: If Hollandaise splits, it can be rescued. Try adding a small amount of water (such as 2 mL) and whisk vigorously. If this fails, start with a fresh egg yolk in a clean bowl and using the same procedure in step 4, begin emulsifying the split sauce back into the yolk as was done with clarified butter. Continue until all the sauce has been added and re-formed.

Assessor Notes: Clarified butter is provided to the candidate.







Poached Eggs:

Ingredients:

2 Eggs, large

2 L Water

30 mL Vinegar, white distilled

1 Orange, segmented

Procedure:

- 1. Combine water and vinegar. Bring to a simmer and reduce heat.
- 2. Poach the eggs just below simmer until medium.
- 3. Serve eggs nappé with Hollandaise sauce (Remaining Hollandaise to be presented on the side).
- 4. Serve orange segments in a side dish with the eggs.







COLD DISH: Yield: 1 Serving

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap

Ingredients:

1 12-inch flour tortilla

120 g Chicken breast; boneless, skinless and raw

30 mL Caesar dressing (see recipe)

250 mL Lettuce, Romaine, cut

15 mL Grated Parmesan cheese

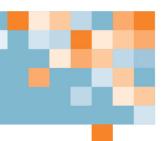
Procedure:

- 1. Pan fry or grill chicken until done; finish in oven if necessary.
- 2. Chill chicken in refrigerator.
- 3. Cut lettuce to appropriate size.
- 4. Dice chicken to appropriate size.
- 5. Combine chicken, lettuce, dressing, parmesan, and toss gently in a bowl.
- 6. Place Caesar salad on center of tortilla.
- 7. Fold sides of tortilla in and roll up.
- 8. Serve wrap cut on the bias.

<u>Assessor Notes:</u> One portion of boneless, skinless chicken breast is pre-weighed and provided to the candidate raw. Lettuce is pre- washed and dried for the candidate.







Yield: (200 mL)

Caesar Salad Dressing:

Ingredients:

1 Egg, large

1 Garlic clove, minced

1 Anchovy fillet, minced

3 mL Capers, chopped

2 mL Mustard, dry

30 mL Lemon juice

150 mL Oil, olive

30 g Grated Parmesan cheese

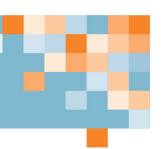
To taste Salt and pepper

Procedure:

- 1. Separate the egg. Reserve whites for other use.
- 2. Mince garlic, anchovy and capers.
- Place the egg yolks in a bowl with the garlic, anchovy, capers, mustard, lemon juice and beat until well mixed.
- 4. Add the oil gradually while whisking continuously. Once the emulsion forms, add the oil slightly faster.
- 5. Once the dressing reaches desired consistency, fold in the parmesan.
- 6. Adjust the tartness and consistency with extra lemon juice as needed.
- 7. Finish with salt and pepper.

Note: If the Caesar dressing breaks, it can be rescued. Start with a fresh egg yolk and using the same procedure in step 4, begin emulsifying the broken dressing back into the yolk as was done with olive oil. Continue until all the dressing has been added and re-formed.





HOT DISH: Yield: 1 Serving

Salmon Fillet with Tomato Vinaigrette

(Plated with Rice and Green Beans)

Tomato Vinaigrette:

Ingredients:

125 g Roma tomato, concassé

15 mL Basil, fresh, chiffonade or torn

15 g Red Onion, brunoise

5 mL Vinegar, balsamic

15 mL Oil, olive

To taste Salt and pepper

Procedure:

1. Combine ingredients in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper.

Salmon Fillet:

Ingredients:

120 g Salmon fillet; boneless, skinless and raw

15 mL Oil, vegetable

Salt and pepper

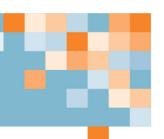
Procedure:

- 1. Season the presentation side of the salmon with salt and pepper.
- 2. Sear the presentation side of the salmon in oil using a non-stick or well-seasoned skillet.
- 3. Turn the salmon over and finish in a conventional oven as needed.
- 4. Place salmon on paper towel to absorb excess oil.
- 5. Serve salmon and tomato vinaigrette with rice and vegetable on a warm plate.

<u>Assessor Notes:</u> One portion of boneless, skinless Salmon fillet is pre-weighed and provided to the candidate raw.







STARCH - SIDE:

Yield: 5 Servings

Rice Pilaf

Ingredients:

25 g Yellow Onion, fine dice

15 g Butter, whole

190 g Rice, converted

375 mL Chicken stock

1/2 Bay leaf

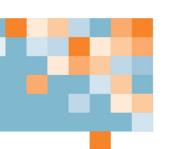
To taste Salt and pepper

Procedure:

- 1. Sweat the onion in the butter until translucent.
- 2. Add the rice and stir to coat.
- 3. Add the stock and bay leaf. Bring to a simmer.
- 4. Cover tightly and place in a 350°F/175°C conventional oven for 18-20 minutes.
- 5. Remove from oven and let stand covered for 8-10 minutes. Keep warm in the pot.
- 6. Remove the bay leafand season with salt and pepper.







Yield: 1 Serving

VEGETABLE - SIDE:

Green Beans Amandine

Ingredients:

70 g Green beans, trimmed

20 g Butter, whole

10 g Almonds, sliced, toasted

To taste Salt and pepper

Procedure:

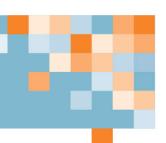
1. Blanch and refresh the beans.

- 2. Refrigerate until serving time.
- 3. Re-heat in boiling salted water.
- 4. Sauté beans in butter until nicely coated and season with salt and pepper
- 5. Toss with the toasted almonds.

Assessor Notes: Almonds are sliced and toasted, pre-portioned and provided to the candidate.







QUICK BREAD: Yield: 6 Muffins

Blueberry Muffins

Ingredients:

150 g	Flour, all purpose
110 g	Sugar, granulated
6 g	Baking powder
3 g	Salt
90 g	Milk
55 g	Eggs, beaten
60 g	Oil, vegetable
100 g	Blueberries, frozen (remain frozen until use)

Procedure:

- 1. Sift together dry ingredients.
- 2. Separately combine wet ingredients.
- 3. Mix together using the muffin method.
- 4. Fold in blueberries.
- 5. Bake at 375°F/190°C in a conventional oven until light brown and center is cooked (15-20 minutes).
- 6. Serve all 6 muffins.





GRADING SCALE for PROFESSIONAL COOK PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Critical Factors	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Borderline	Unacceptable
Accompaniments	Complement and enhance main item No improvements suggested	Complement main item Some minor adjustments may be recommended	 Quality acceptable, but does not complement main item Some adjustments recommended but not critical 	Quality lacking, but still servableAdjustments definitely needed	 Detracts from other items on plate Item would be sent back
Balance	 Perfect balance between items on plate No improvements suggested 	Good balance between items on plate Some minor adjustments may be recommended	 Overall balance between items on plate acceptable. Minor number of components on plate need adjustment 	 Major components on plate are slightly tough or too firm or soft, but still servable 	 Some products on plate inedible Unpleasant texture, would be sent back
Baking (Colour)	Perfectly even colour and sheenNo improvements suggested	Even colour Some minor adjustments may be recommended	Mostly even colourMinor adjustments are recommended	 Pale or dark, but not under done or burnt Adjustments definitely needed 	Burnt or extremely paleNot sellable or edible
Baking (Size/Shape)	Perfect size and shape, as per recipeNo improvements suggested	Even size and shapeMay be slightly larger or smaller than recipe yield	Slightly inconsistent size and shapeWithin range of recipe yield	 Uneven size and shape Still within servable range	Shape and size unacceptableToo small or large to serve
Consistency (Soup)	 Perfect texture and viscosity Degreased perfectly Ideal amount and quality of garnish No improvements suggested 	 Overall good texture and viscosity Mostly degreased, is suitable Reasonable amount of garnish; garnish good quality Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Texture or viscosity needs adjustment Degreased somewhat, could use a little more. Lacking or too much garnish, but garnish still good quality 	 Texture and viscosity definitely needs adjustment Marginally degreased, Garnish lacking or of poor quality, but still servable 	 Unpleasant texture or viscosity Degreased poorly or not at all Garnish inedible Would be sent back
Cooking Technique	 Cooking techniques demonstrated properly Regular monitoring of food with superior results 	Cooking techniques demonstrated properly Regular monitoring of food with expected results	 Cooking techniques generally demonstrated properly, but may lack production speed Occasional monitoring of food with small minor errors in results 	 Cooking techniques not always demonstrated properly, or lacking production speed Food not monitored while cooking, but still results in a servable product 	 Techniques not demonstrated or demonstrated incorrectly with major faults in outcome Food not monitored while cooking resulting in a non- servable product
Doneness	All components cooked perfectly No improvements suggested	 Most components cooked to ideal doneness Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Minor components slightly over or undercooked Some adjustments are recommended, but not critical 	 Major components somewhat over or undercooked, but still moist and tender Adjustments definitely needed 	 Items extremely over or undercooked Item would be sent back Food safety concern with doneness

Note: Any Borderline or Unacceptable mark selected for a Critical Factor will not be included when calculating the final mark.





GRADING SCALE for PROFESSIONAL COOK PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Critical Factors	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Borderline	Unacceptable
Organization	 Well-constructed work plan Organized station, no clutter Timelines accurate and followed 	 Well-constructed work plan Organized station, minimal clutter Timelines mostly accurate and followed 	 Basic work plan Generally organized station, some clutter Timelines somewhat accurate and followed 	 No work plan Some disorganization and clutter on station Timelines not followed, but tasks still completed within required parameters 	 No work plan Completely disorganized station and loss of composure
Presentation / Menu Requirements Met	 Presented appropriately Portion sizes perfect Menu requirements accurately met Ideal balance of shapes and colours No improvements suggested 	 Plate attractively presented Portion size within recommended range Menu requirements mostly met Range of shapes and colours Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Plates clean, not sloppy Portion sizes need some adjustment, but minor Menu requirements are just met May be lacking some colour Some minor adjustments are recommended 	 Plates lacking visual interest or colour Portion sizes too large or small Menu requirements under acceptable level. Somewhat difficult to eat 	 Extremely sloppy plates Unappealing colour (grey, burnt, etc.) Portion sizes far too large or small Menu requirements not evident at all
Protein	Perfect doneness and tendernessNo improvements suggested	 Doneness close to accurate, but not perfect Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Slightly over or undercooked Some adjustments are recommended but not critical 	 Somewhat over or undercooked, but still moist and tender Adjustments definitely needed 	Extremely over or undercooked Plate would be sent back
Safety	 Exceptional safety practices Calm and organized throughout the day Any hazards addressed immediately 	 Strong safety practices Calm and organized throughout the day Any hazards addressed in a timely manner 	 Generally strong safety practices Generally calm and organized throughout the day Any hazards addressed, but not always in the timeliest manner 	 Some questionable safety practices or minor infractions No major safety risks or hazards Any hazards addressed, but not always in the timeliest manner 	 Questionable safety practices Major safety risk or hazard Hazards not addressed
Sanitation	 Exceptional sanitation practices No errors of any kind All food stored and handled appropriately 	 Consistent sanitation practices Occasional minor errors, but not presenting any risk All food stored and handled appropriately 	 Consistent sanitation practices Occasional minor errors, but not presenting any risk Most food stored and handled appropriately, but any errors not to the point of presenting risk 	 Inconsistent sanitation practices Occasional errors, but not presenting any risk Most food stored and handled appropriately, but any errors not to the point of presenting risk 	 Poor sanitation practices Major food safety risk or hazard Food cross contaminated and not servable
Sauce	 Exceptional body and texture Complements and enhances main item No improvements suggested 	 Good body and texture Complements main item Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Reasonable body and texture Marginally complements main item Some adjustments are recommended, but not critical 	 Quality lacking, but still servable Does not complement main item Adjustments definitely needed 	 Detracts from other items on plate Plate would be sent back

Note: Any Borderline or Unacceptable mark selected for a Critical Factor will not be included when calculating the final mark.





GRADING SCALE for PROFESSIONAL COOK PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Critical Factors	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Borderline	Unacceptable
Starch	 Perfect doneness and texture Complements and enhances main item No improvements suggested 	 Slightly over or undercooked Texture not quite perfect Complements main item Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Slightly over or undercooked Texture needs adjustments Marginally complements main item Some adjustments are recommended, but not critical 	 Somewhat over or undercooked Quality lacking, but still servable Does not complement main item Adjustments definitely needed 	 Extremely over or undercooked Detracts from other items on plate Plate would be sent back
Taste	Outstanding flavourNo improvements suggested	Overall pleasant flavour Minor improvements suggested	 Flavour needs some enhancement Neutral flavour; somewhat bland 	 Highly over or under seasoned, but not to the extent that it would be sent back Too spicy or salty for some tastes 	 Far over or under seasoned Unpleasant flavour or smell
Technical Skills	 Higher level of skill for program level Accurate and even knife work Efficient use of ingredients 	 Expected level of skill for program level Accurate and even knife work Efficient use of ingredients 	 Average level of skill for program level Mostly accurate and even knife work, but may lack production speed Generally good use of ingredients, but some waste 	 Below average level of skill for program level Some inaccurate or uneven knife work; may lack production speed Minor errors in recipe outcome or excessive waste 	Skills not demonstrated or very poor skill level demonstrated Major errors in recipe outcome or extreme waste
Temperature	 All food items on plate at ideal temperature Serving dishes at appropriate temperature (hot plates for hot food, cold plates for cold food) 	 Food on plate at appropriate temperature Serving dishes may need minor adjustments to temperature (too hot or cold) 	 Food on plate mostly at adequate temperature Serving dishes do need minor adjustments to temperature 	 Food a bit too cool or warm Hot food on cold dishes; cold food on hot dishes Adjustments definitely needed 	Food served at incorrect temperature Plates too hot to touch
Texture	Perfect texture and balance between items on plateNo improvements suggested	 Overall good texture of major components Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Minor number of components on the plate need adjustments Some minor adjustments are recommended 	 Major components on the plate slightly tough or too firm or soft, but still servable 	 Some products on plate inedible Unpleasant texture, would be sent back
Timing	Items presented in menu order and within 5 minutes of candidate work plan	Items presented in menu order and within 30 minutes of candidate work plan	Items presented in menu order; more than 30 minutes of candidate work plan, but within 2 hour time limit	 Item(s) presented during the 30 minute overtime Loses the Critical Factor for Timing 	Item(s) presented after the 30 minute overtime, or not presented at all
Vegetables	 Perfect doneness, colour and tenderness Complements and enhances main item All cuts meet the specifications No improvements suggested 	 Slightly over or undercooked Complements main item Most cuts meet the specifications Some minor adjustments may be recommended 	 Somewhat over or undercooked Marginally complements main item Some cuts done to specifications Some adjustments are recommended, but not critical 	 Over or undercooked Quality lacking, but still servable Very few cuts made to specifications Adjustments definitely needed 	 Extremely over or undercooked Not cut to specifications Detracts from other items on plate Plate would be sent back



Note: Any Borderline or Unacceptable mark selected for a Critical Factor will not be included when calculating the final mark.