

Title	Prepare and serve alcoholic cocktails in a licensed commercial environment		
Level	3	Credits	8

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working as professional bar staff in a broad range of beverage service outlets.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare and maintain cocktail service areas and equipment, and assemble and serve alcoholic cocktails to customers in a licensed commercial environment.</p>
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Classification	Hospitality > Food and Beverage Service
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

Cocktail – an alcoholic beverage comprised of two or more ingredients, that is shaken, stirred, blended, built, layered or muddled either to a recipe or to customer requirements;

Establishment requirements – any policy, procedure, or agreed requirement, either written or oral, made known to the candidate prior to assessment against this unit standard;

Licensed commercial environment – any establishment that serves wine under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. These establishments may serve wine or wine and food.

2 Legislation and regulations to be complied with include but are not limited to – Food Act 2014, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Regulations 2013.

3 Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must either be gathered in the workplace or in a realistic environment where the candidate has to produce product or similar for customers who have the same expectations for quality and timeliness as a paying customer.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare and maintain cocktail service areas and equipment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Sufficient cocktail ingredients and accompaniments for service are stored and maintained in a designated place, at the correct temperature for service, in accordance with establishment requirements and legislation.
- Range accompaniments and ingredients may include but are not limited to – ice, garnishes, condiments, bitters, cordials, sauces, milk, cream, decorative items.
- 1.2 Cocktail accompaniments are prepared for cocktail service, and are stored ready for use, in accordance with establishment requirements.
- 1.3 Cocktail assembling and service equipment is kept clean, hygienic, and ready for use in accordance with establishment requirements.
- Range equipment may include but is not limited to – pourers, blenders, shakers, stirrers, strainers, measures, knives and chopping boards, glassware, ice scoop, cocktail list or menu.

Outcome 2

Assemble and serve alcoholic cocktails to customers in a licensed commercial environment.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Cocktails are described in terms of their preparation methods.
- Range preparation methods may include but are not limited to – built, shaken, stirred, layered, blended, muddled.
- 2.2 Eligibility to be served alcohol is described and any non-compliance actioned in accordance with establishment and legislative requirements.
- Range factors affecting eligibility include but are not limited to – behaving in an intoxicated manner, violent and disorderly behaviour, under-age person, person under an exclusion order, person requesting service outside licensing hours.
- 2.3 Customers are provided with cocktail information on request, and cocktails are promoted in accordance with establishment requirements.
- Range information may include but is not limited to – price, special promotions, ingredients, relative strength, measures, flavours, spirit base, non-alcoholic options.
- 2.4 Customers' cocktail requirements are identified and processed in accordance with establishment requirements.

2.5 Cocktails are assembled and finished using correct equipment and accompaniments, at correct temperature, in accordance with establishment requirements.

Range evidence is required of the following cocktail making techniques – shaken, stirred, blended, built, layered, muddled. These methods could be combined.

2.6 Cocktails are served to customers in a manner that optimises cocktail and service quality, in accordance with customer orders and establishment requirements.

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Comments on this unit standard

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