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QUALIFI Level 2 Award in Food Allergy Awareness for Food Handlers and Servers

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- We value and practise equality of opportunity, transparency and tolerance
- We strive for excellence in all we do: locally regionally, nationally and internationally
- We work in partnership with business, the community and other educators
- We encourage and promote research innovation and creativity

Student Commitment

This represents a clear statement of QUALIFI Ltd and its partners' intentions to deliver agreed standards for a range of academic and administrative services. It spells out what is expected of you as a student and the contribution that can be made to gain the most benefit from your study time through our courses.

You will get the best out of your study time with QUALIFI if you are committed to:

- Preparing for classes and attending punctually
- Completing your work to the best of your ability and submitting it on time
- Not committing plagiarism
- Keeping up to date with course information through email or other channels
- Using the feedback, you are given to improve subsequent work
- Making appropriate use of teaching staff's time
- Taking responsibility for your personal development planning and skills development

- Treating staff, fellow learners and neighbours in the local community with respect at all times

We aim to:

- Start and end all classes on time
- Give you one week's notice of changes to your classes
- Give you feedback on assessed work within 15 working days
- Give you clear, legible and informative feedback on your work
- Be available for timed appointments
- Treat you with respect at all times
- Support you in your preparation for the workplace

Supporting Diversity

QUALIFI Ltd and its partners recognise and value individual difference and have a public duty to promote equality and remove discrimination in relation to race, gender, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and age.

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Award Aims

This unit aims to provide candidates with an awareness and basic understanding of a range of food allergies and how the issue of food allergies can be handled safely during food production and service in a commercial catering environment. Relevant settings include pubs, restaurants, takeaways, cafes, delis, schools, childcare settings, and indeed any other catering setting serving food to the general public including commercial, volunteer and not-for-profit settings. The award is aimed at Food Handlers, an alternative award is available for owners, managers and supervisors. (Please see AFAM3SFG2021).

Award Details

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Award Reference	AFAA2SFG2021
Formerly (if applicable)	Replaces AFACC2SFG2014/2018
Award Type	Endorsed Award with equivalence at QCF Level 2
QAN	n/a
Guided Learning Hours	4 hours (guide)
Level	2
Credit value	1
Assessment	Multiple choice examination (online)
Delivery	Video and text online with tutor support
Launched (next review)	2021 (2025)

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Award Overview

Updated to incorporate latest standards including PPDS (also referred to as Natasha's Law), this unit is designed to address basic awareness of food allergies for Food Handler staff within a professional catering environment, including preventing allergenic cross-contamination within a food preparation or food service area. It is intended to be completed by all Food Handler staff working with food in both paid and volunteer roles at pubs, restaurants, takeaways, cafes, delis, schools, and any other catering setting serving food to the general public.

This award seeks to address the need for food handlers to be aware of food allergies, how they affect people, and how the issue should be handled by catering staff including those serving and ordering on behalf of vulnerable groups, and those preparing the food. The award considers recent changes to the law and guidance regarding food allergens including changes to food labelling and producer/seller responsibilities and accountabilities.

This programme incorporates recognised syllabus learning outcomes, guidance from FSA Food Standard Agency, Food Standards Scotland, Environmental Health Officers, and appropriate professional bodies.

Entry Requirements

There are no prerequisites for this award. It is advised that learners have a minimum of Level 1 in English and Maths or equivalent.

Progression Routes

QUALIFI Level 3 Award Food Allergy Management for Owners, Managers and Supervisors (AFAM3SFG2021).

Award Structure

This award is made up of one mandatory unit. Candidates must successfully complete the assessment for the unit via online multi-choice examination to achieve the award. The award can be gained as a free standing unit qualification or as part of a wider programme of learning.

Assessment Guidance

This award is assessed via a 20 question multiple-choice examination, tested online and with a guide completion time of 30 minutes. Successful candidates must answer a minimum of 16 questions out of 20 correctly (80%). Following assessment, the assessment result will be provided to the candidate, and certificates for those who are successful are generated and provided electronically.

Age Range

This award is provided for delivery to learners aged 16+ yrs.

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Delivery Information

All learning, tutor support and examination activity is carried out online. There is no fee for additional examination entry, however unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to contact the course tutor for support and advice. Please contact delivery partner The Safer Food Group (East GB Ltd) 0800 612 6784 info@ for more information.

Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Understand the characteristics of food allergies and intolerances, and the associated threats to health they pose to food allergy sufferers.	<p>1.1 Describe the characteristics of food related allergies and intolerances and their effect on the body.</p> <p>1.2 Identify common symptoms of allergic reactions and intolerances.</p> <p>1.3 Identify a range of foods and ingredients commonly associated with food allergies and intolerances, and dishes they can be found in also referred to as hidden ingredients.</p>
2. Understand the law relating to food allergies and intolerances governing food produced for public consumption, and the basic associated responsibilities of people employed in food production and/or service roles in the UK.	<p>2.1 Identify the purpose and extent of laws that affect food allergies and intolerances for foods produced, served at, or sold from UK premises to members of the general public.</p> <p>2.2 Identify legal and practical responsibilities of staff working within a food production/food service premises with regard to food allergies and intolerances.</p>
3. Understand basic procedures for controlling the threat of allergenic ingredients within the premises and the need for appropriate communication between premises staff, and with the customer.	<p>3.1 Identify appropriate facilities and conditions needed to prepare allergy free foods.</p> <p>3.2 Identify appropriate food handling processes in the preparation of allergy free foods in a food production and/or service environment.</p> <p>3.3 Identify appropriate approaches to communicating about the use of allergenic ingredients in foods produced within, consumed within, or sold from the premises.</p>

Programme Syllabus

A. Definitions & threats to health

Candidates should be able to identify the nature and threat of food allergies and intolerances, including the difference between a food allergy and food intolerance, and symptoms of a food allergy related attack. They should also understand the terms anaphylaxis, Coeliac disease, and the threat of hidden allergenic ingredients. Candidates should be able to:

- I. Identify the meaning of the terms food allergy, food intolerance, Coeliac disease, and anaphylaxis
- II. Identify the symptoms of a serious allergic reaction (anaphylactic attack)
- III. Identify an appropriate emergency response to a suspected anaphylaxis

2. Laws & legal considerations

Candidates should understand the effect of legislation affecting the production, serving and sale of food containing certain allergenic ingredients, including food labelling laws and also be aware of legal penalties for non-compliance. They should be able to:

- I. Identify the scope and purpose of laws governing the use of, labelling and communication of the use of, allergenic ingredients.
- II. Be aware of how laws are enforced in UK food premises and the potential legal consequences of breaking laws relating to the use of allergenic ingredients.

C. Allergenic ingredients

Candidates should be able to identify common food allergens including those named within the appropriate laws and guidelines published by the Foods Standards Agency and Foods Standards Scotland. They should be able to identify examples of food where the allergens are commonly found, and be aware of some non-allergenic replacements as alternative ingredients. Candidates should be able to:

- I. Identify food ingredients named within allergenic ingredients list published by the Foods Standards Agency and Foods Standards Scotland (14 named allergens).
- II. Be aware of the existence of food allergies not covered by regulations.
- III. Be aware of the threat of allergenic ingredients not commonly associated with many dishes, and food products with inadequate allergenic ingredients labelling, commonly referred to listed as ingredients, or '*hidden ingredients*'.

D. Allergy-free Food production

Candidates should understand the importance of appropriate approaches and procedures in working with, and preventing cross contamination of, allergenic ingredients. They should be able to:

- I. Understand the potential consequences of an inadequate premises-wide response to the threat of allergenic ingredients.

- II. understand the meaning of and need for cross contamination prevention measures when preparing foods containing allergenic ingredients.
- III. Identify the importance of appropriate labelling of foods containing allergenic ingredients.

E. Communication & customer considerations

Candidates should understand the importance of appropriate communication regarding allergenic ingredient content. They should also understand the importance of appropriate customer signage and advice in allowing the customer to make an informed choice about the food they consume.

- I. Identify the need for clear verbal communication regarding the use of allergenic ingredients between all staff members.
- II. Identify the need for clear verbal communication regarding the use of allergenic ingredients between staff members and the customer.
- III. Identify examples of inadequate front-of-house communication or operation practices and procedures that could endanger health of food allergy or intolerance sufferers.

Further professional development and training

QUALIFI supports UK and international customers with training related to our qualifications. This support is available through a choice of training options offered through publications or through customised training at your centre.

The support we offer focuses on a range of issues including:

- planning for the delivery of a new programme
- planning for assessment and grading
- developing effective assignments
- building your team and teamwork skills
- developing student-centred learning and teaching approaches
- building in effective and efficient quality assurance systems.

You can request customised training through your registered centre in the first instance. If you need to contact QUALIFI directly:

Our customer service number: +44 (0) 161 818 9904

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