

Level 1/2 Vocational Award in HOSPITALITY & CATERING (Technical Award)

QUALIFICATION GUIDE



ABOUT THIS QUALIFICATION

The Eduqas Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering Vocational Award provides learners with a comprehensive introduction to this vital and rapidly evolving sector.

WHY STUDY HOSPITALITY AND CATERING?

Hospitality and Catering is a growing sector offering a diverse range of career opportunities. With over 350 different roles available and the sector projected to create an additional half a million jobs by 2030, students will gain critical insights into a field that currently employs almost 1.5m people in the UK.

WHO IS THE QUALIFICATION SUITABLE FOR?

Our Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering Vocational Award has been designed as a vocational alternative or supplement to GCSE qualifications for 14-16 year old learners in schools and colleges.

It offers a structured pathway to understanding the diverse career opportunities in Hospitality and Catering, and provides an excellent foundation for further study that in turn would support learners' progression to employment.



WHAT DOES THE QUALIFICATION COVER?

The qualification consists of two units:

Unit 1: The Hospitality and Catering industry

(48 Guided Learning Hours). In Unit 1 learners will:

- Learn about the hospitality and catering industry, the types of hospitality and catering providers and about working in the industry.
- Learn about health and safety, and food safety in hospitality and catering, as well as food related causes of ill health.

Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action

(72 Guided Learning Hours). In Unit 2 learners will:

- Learn about the importance of nutrition and how cooking methods can impact on nutritional value.
- Learn how to plan nutritious menus as well as factors which affect menu planning. Learners will learn the skills and techniques needed to prepare, cook and present dishes as well as learning how to review your work effectively.



SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Unit 1: The Hospitality and Catering industry

Written Examination: 1 hour 20 minutes, 40% of qualification (80 marks)

Questions requiring short and extended answers, based around applied situations. Learners will be required to use stimulus material to respond to questions.

Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action

Controlled Assessment: 12 hours, 60% of qualification (120 marks)

For Unit 2 learners will complete an assignment where you will plan and prepare a menu in response to a brief. The assignment brief will be changed each year and will be provided to you as part of your Candidate Assessment Pack.

Assessment Objectives

Learners must:

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding from across the specification.
- AO2: Apply skills (including practical skills), knowledge and understanding in a variety of contexts and in planning and carrying out investigations and tasks.
- AO3: Analyse and evaluate information, making reasoned judgements and presenting conclusions.





WHY CHOOSE EDUQAS FOR VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED?

Our L1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering is part of our suite of Technical Awards. Each qualification shares these key features:

- **Simple qualification structures** minimise the number of assessments students must complete while simplifying administration.
- **Clear, straightforward specifications** set out what students need to know, understand and be able to do.
- **A minimum of 60% non-examination assessment (NEA)**, providing students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding through practical and engaging tasks.
- **Mark-based awarding** - this means that learners can still achieve the qualification if they don't perform well in a particular assessment, providing their performance in another unit compensates for this.
- **Course companion textbooks** available for each qualification covering the knowledge and skills learners will need as they progress through the course.
- **E-Assessment opportunities** All of our Level 1/2 Vocational Awards offer opportunities for E-Assessment, allowing learners to complete exams on-screen.

How do we compare with other boards?

See our **Qualification Comparison Tool** at the end of this guide

GETTING STARTED WITH EDUQAS

Getting started with Eduqas for Vocational and Applied qualifications is a straightforward, three-step process:

1

Register your interest in teaching with Eduqas

Visit eduqas.co.uk/vocational and complete the Register Your Interest form. This helps us better support you through the process of getting started with Eduqas.

2

Ask your Exams Officer if your centre is registered with Eduqas

If not, they will need to contact us at centres@wjec.co.uk to register. Once your centre is registered, your Exams Officer can provide you with access to our Portal, which you will need to complete key processes and access exclusive resources.

3

Visit your qualification page for everything you need to get started

You can find this by going to eduqas.co.uk/qualifications and searching for your subject. Here you'll find links to everything you need to start teaching with Eduqas:

- Your specification
- Guidance for teaching
- Contact details for your Subject Officer
- Free digital teaching resources
- Training opportunities
- Key dates for your qualification
- Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Now you're ready to start teaching with Eduqas – but if you need more guidance, contact our Support Team on hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or discover training opportunities at eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Eduqas offers a comprehensive range of professional learning opportunities to help you teach with confidence.

Our expert-led training programme provides all the support you need to enhance your teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK PACKAGE

Our Assessment Feedback Package is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated.

This integrated suite of resources and training includes:

- Free access to Principal Examiner reports
- Free Online Assessment Feedback sessions
- Paid face-to-face training events
- Free access to scripts

Learn more: eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning



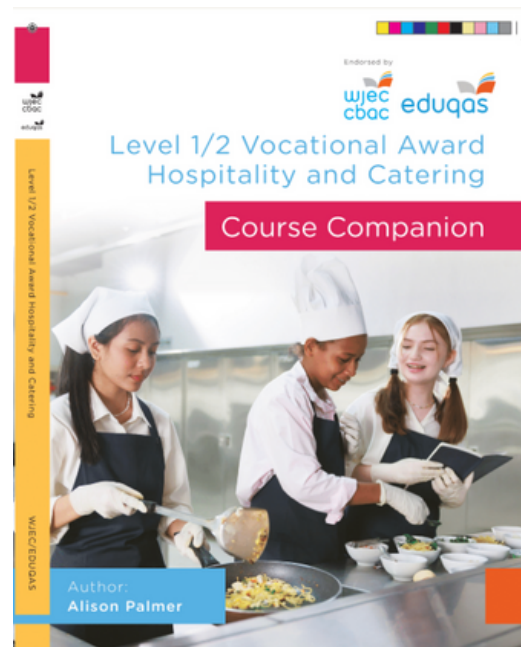
COURSE COMPANION TEXTBOOK

This book has been written specifically for the Eduqas Level 1/2 Vocational Award Hospitality and Catering course. This book is suitable for students of all abilities and covers the knowledge and skills students will need as they progress through the course.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Alison Palmer has taught Food Technology and Hospitality and Catering, alongside a range of vocational subjects for twenty years. Alison has worked for a major awarding body for fifteen years, many of these years as the principal examiner and moderator for two qualifications.

During this time, she has been involved and responsible for two specification developments, producing resources, and delivering CPD and examination assessments.



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WHAT CENTRES SAY ABOUT HOSPITALITY AND CATERING WITH EDUQAS



“Compared to other boards, Eduqas was easily the most user-friendly. The exemplars made sense and could be replicated by my learners. The exam was also a good fit, with questions written in a learner friendly way. It was clear it would enable students to ease into the exam and very quickly feel confident with the paper.

Our learners enjoy the content, they like using Eduqas’ online assessment, and they like the fact that the specification clearly spells out what they need to know.

The level of support is outstanding. I’ve never had a problem that hasn’t been resolved quickly, and there’s always someone on the end of the phone who is knowledgeable and friendly to make me feel at ease with my teaching.”

Mark Smith

**Subject Leader of Cooking and
Nutrition, Roundhay School**




ACCESSING SUPPORT

Our **Regional Support Team** operates across the UK, and is available to help you teach Eduqas qualifications with confidence.

As an Eduqas teacher, you can access their support for free online or in-person at a time and place that suits you.

Each member of the team is an experienced former teacher who understands the challenges of the classroom.



They can provide you with all the support you need to help your learners succeed, including:

- help getting started with Eduqas
- expert insight into your specification
- answers to your questions on assessment
- guidance on accessing our free digital resources, and more.

Contact the team:
hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk

MEET YOUR EDUQAS REPRESENTATIVE



ANT FLEMING

Ant Fleming has extensive experience in education, having taught a range of subjects for 18 years, including vocational qualifications, Geography and Physical Education.

“The role of Regional Representative lets me support teachers in delivering Eduqas qualifications confidently. I respond to emails, host online meetings, meet with Exam Officers, and represent Eduqas at conferences.

I believe supporting teachers is crucial to success. It's important for teachers to have someone to consult, benefiting students and schools alike.

Each day is different, but my focus is always on helping teachers. The most rewarding part is when teachers feel more confident after our meetings.”

Want to learn more? Contact at hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or [request an informal online chat through our booking page](#).

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