



Maldives National Skills Development Authority



National Competency Standard for Commercial Cookery

Standard Code: TOUS05V2/20

Qualification Name: National Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
Qualification Code: TOUS05Q01L3V2/20

PREFACE

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authority was established with the vision to develop a TVET system in the Maldives that is demand driven, accessible, beneficiary financed and quality assured, to meet the needs of society for stability and economic growth, the needs of Enterprise for a skilled and reliable workforce, the need of young people for decent jobs and the needs of workers for continuous mastery of new technology.

TVET system in the Maldives flourished with the Employment Skills Training Project (ESTP) funded by ADB with the objective of increasing the number of Maldivians, actively participating in the labor force, employed and self-employed. The Project supported expansion of demand driven employment-oriented skills training in priority occupations and to improve the capacity to develop and deliver Competency Based Skill Training (CBST). The project supported delivery of CBST programs to satisfy employer demand-driven needs.

Recognizing the importance of developing the youth sector to enable Maldives to transition from an upper-middle-income country to high-income country, the World Bank Country Partnership Framework (CPF) proposes to finance the Maldives Enhancing Employability and Resilience of Youth (MEERY) project. As part of the MEERY project is financing for skills development and entrepreneurship in priority sectors such as tourism, ICT and construction sector MEERY continues to provide support to TVET Authority to develop National Occupational Standard, instructional materials, assessment resource book and trainees log book for the National Occupational Standard for "Commercial Cookery". As part of the MEERY Project, TVET Authority has only undertaken to review standard which were developed in the ESTP Project to increase the economic opportunities for youth's trainees and promote equitable economic & social development in the country.

The National Competency Standards (NCS) provide the base for this training. Currently CBST is offered for six key sectors in the Maldives: Tourism, Fisheries and Agriculture, Transport, Construction, Social and the Information and Technology sectors. These sectors are included as priority sectors that play a vital role in the continued economic growth of the country.

The NCS are developed in consultation with Employment Sector Councils representing employers. They are designed using a consensus format endorsed by the Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA) to maintain uniformity of approach and the consistency of content amongst occupations. This single format also simplifies benchmarking the NCS against relevant regional and international standards. NCS specify the standards of performance of a competent worker and the various contexts in which the work may take place. NCS also describes the knowledge, skills and attitudes required in a particular occupation. They provide explicit advice to assessors and employers regarding the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be demonstrated by the candidates seeking formal recognition for the competency acquired following training or through work experience. By sharing this information, all participants in the training process have the same understanding of the training required and the standard to be reached for certification. Certification also becomes portable and can be recognized by other employers and in other countries with similar standards.

NCS are the foundation for the implementation of the TVET system in Maldives. They ensure that all skills, regardless of where or how they were developed can be assessed and recognized. They also form the foundation for certifying skills in the Maldives National Qualification Framework (MNQF).

NCS are developed by the Technical and Vocational and Education Training Authority of Ministry of Higher Education. The NCS are endorsed by the Employment Sector Councils of the respective sectors and validated by the Maldives Qualification Authority.



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VERSION	DEVELOPER	DATE	STANDARD CODE
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V2	Maldives Institute of Technology	29 th September 2020	TOUS05V2/20

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National Occupational Standard has been endorsed by:

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Date of Endorsement: 2007	Date of Revision: 29 th September 2020

Standard Development Process

To begin with, Commercial Cookery occupations were profiled through study of the occupation across Maldivian workplaces. Referred occupational profiling process led to the development of the Draft Occupational Standard.

Draft occupational standard is then used to undertake functional analysis of the Commercial Cookery occupation and the referred functional process was undertaken with participation of industry experts. For strengthening the development of the National Occupational Standard, a panel with technical experts was formed. The members provide technical support which needs to be included in the developed standard.

Once the standard is finalized among the panel, after the recommendation this is later been submitted to the Tourism Employment Sector Council. A brief report on how National Occupational Standard for Commercial Cookery was developed is presented to the council. Council members then ensures that the industry need has been catered in the standard and once the standard full fills the recommendation the standard has been endorsed by the council.

After endorsing the standard from the Tourism Employment Sector Council, the final document is submitted to Maldives Qualification Authority (MQA) for approval. After the approval of MQA the National Occupational Standard for Commercial Cookery is published, which would be then used by training providers.

Description of “Commercial Cookery Occupation”

Commercial Cookery play an important role in facilitating guests to have a joyful holiday with quality food being served across the tourism establishments in the Maldives.

Tourism arrivals across the country represent multi nationalities and it is always important that food is prepared and served competently with strong reflection on various international cuisines and standard practices.

Commercial Cookery will prepare competent kitchen staff, ready and capable to serve food with international standards and excellent taste. Properly trained Commercial Cook can elevate services provided from the tourism facilities and stimulate increase of tourist arrivals with lasting memories of quality and tasteful dishes being served to them while they enjoy their holidays in the Maldives.

Job opportunities upon completion of “National Certificate III in Commercial Cookery”

Upon successful completion of the National Certificate III in Commercial Cookery students can work in the following jobs.

1. *Commercial Cook of local Guest Houses*
2. *Commis-III*
3. *Assistant Cook*
4. *Kitchen Helper*

KEY FOR CODING

Coding Competency Standards and Related Materials

DESCRIPTION	REPRESENTED BY
Industry Sector as per ESC (Three letters)	Construction Sector (CON) Fisheries and Agriculture (FNA) Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Transport Sector (TRN) Tourism Sector (TOU) Social Sector (SOC) Foundation (FOU)
Competency Standard	S
Occupation with in an industry sector	Two digits 01-99
Unit	U
Common Competency	CR
Core Competency	CM
Optional / Elective Competency	OP
Assessment Resources Materials	A
Learning Resources Materials	L
Curricular	C
Qualification	Q1, Q2 etc.
MNQF level of qualification	L1, L2, L3, L4 etc.
Version Number	V1, V2 etc.
Year of Last Review of standard, qualification	By “/” followed by two digits responding to the year of last review, example /20 for the year 2020

1. Endorsement Application for Qualification 01		
2. NATIONAL CERTIFICATE III IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY		
3. Qualification code: TOUS05Q01L3V2/20		Total Number of Credits: 76
4. Purpose of the qualification This qualification describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to competently prepare kitchen staff with specific focus on the development of knowledge and skills related to good preparation and cooking. By the end of the program, students will be competent to undertake work tasks related to performing commercial cookery operations.		
5. Regulations for the qualification		National Certificate III in Commercial Cookery will be awarded to those who are competent in units 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19
6. Schedule of Units:		
Unit No	Unit Title	Code
Common Competencies		
01	Develop tourism industry knowledge	TOUCM01V2/20
02	Apply work ethics and professionalism	TOUCM02V1/20
03	Follow health, safety and security procedures	TOUCM03V2/20
04	Practice effective workplace communication	TOUCM04V2/20
05	Provide effective customer care	TOUCM05V2/20
06	Perform basic computer operations	TOUCM06V2/20
07	Provide first aid	TOUCM07V2/20
08	Respond to fire	TOUCM08V1/20
Core Competencies		
09	Clean and maintain kitchen premises	TOUS05CR09V2/20
10	Apply knowledge of nutrition to food preparation	TOUS05CR10V2/20
11	Use basic methods of cookery	TOUS05CR11V2/20
12	Prepare sandwiches	TOUS05CR12V2/20
13	Prepare appetizers and salads	TOUS05CR13V2/20
14	Prepare stocks, sauces and soups	TOUS05CR14V2/20
15	Prepare vegetables, eggs, pulses and farinaceous dishes	TOUS05CR15V2/20
16	Prepare and cook seafood	TOUS05CR16V2/20
17	Prepare and cook poultry and game	TOUS05CR17V2/20
18	Select, prepare and cook meat	TOUS05CR18V2/20
19	Present food	TOUS05CR19V2/20
7. Accreditation requirements		The training provider should place trainees in relevant industry or sector to provide the trainees the hands-on experience exposure related to this qualification.
8. Recommended sequencing of units		As appearing under the section 06

Units Details

#	Unit Title	Code	Level	No. of Credits	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
01	Develop tourism industry knowledge	TOUCM01V2/20	III	03	30	15
02	Apply work ethics and professionalism	TOUCM02V1/20	III	03	30	15
03	Follow health, safety and security procedures	TOUCM03V2/20	III	03	30	15
04	Practice effective workplace communication	TOUCM04V2/20	III	04	40	20
05	Provide effective customer care	TOUCM05V2/20	III	05	50	25
06	Perform basic computer operations	TOUCM06V2/20	III	03	30	15
07	Provide first aid	TOUCM07V2/20	III	05	50	25
08	Respond to fire	TOUCM08V1/20	III	03	30	15
09	Clean and maintain kitchen premises	TOUS05CR09V2/20	III	03	30	15
10	Apply knowledge of nutrition to food preparation	TOUS05CR10V2/20	III	03	30	15
11	Use basic methods of cookery	TOUS05CR11V2/20	III	08	80	40
12	Prepare sandwiches	TOUS05CR12V2/20	III	03	30	15
13	Prepare appetizers and salads	TOUS05CR13V2/20	III	03	30	15
14	Prepare stocks, sauces and soups dishes	TOUS05CR14V2/20	III	04	40	20
15	Prepare vegetables, eggs, pulses and farinaceous dishes	TOUS05CR15V2/20	III	04	40	20
16	Prepare and cook seafood	TOUS05CR16V2/20	III	04	40	20
17	Prepare and cook poultry and game	TOUS05CR17V2/20	III	05	50	25
18	Select, prepare and cook meat	TOUS05CR18V2/20	III	05	50	25
19	Present Food	TOUS05CR19V2/20	III	05	50	25
Total				76	760	380

Packaging of National Qualifications:

National Certificate III in Commercial Cookery will be awarded to those who are competent in units 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17+18+19

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COMPETENCY BASED ASSESSMENT

The final assessment of the National Competency-Based Programmes conducted by the Maldives National Skills Development Authority (MNSDA) is a competency-based assessment.

The Competency-Based Assessment ensures that the students' performance meets the requirements specified in the National Competency Standards (NCS). This assessment approach is designed to verify that graduates are job-ready and meet established occupational competency requirements within their respective fields.

Eligibility for Final Assessment

To be eligible for the final Competency-Based Assessment, students must fulfil the following conditions:

- achieve a **minimum of 80%** attendance
- deemed competent in each of the units of the programme in the pre-assessment

Competency-Based Assessment Process

Upon submission of the Pre-assessment report by the training provider, MNSDA will check for all the necessary supporting documents and conduct Competency-Based Assessment through a National Assessor registered with MNSDA. It is important to note that any trainer involved in the training process is **not permitted** to conduct the assessment to maintain impartiality and integrity of the process.

The final Competency-Based Assessment conducted by MNSDA includes both:

- **Theory:** Evaluating students' knowledge and understanding of key theoretical aspects of the competency.
- **Practical:** Assessing hands-on skills and application of knowledge in real-world or simulated environments.

Once the assessment is completed, the National Assessor will send the Competency-Based Assessment Report to MNSDA.

Competency Status Requirement

For certification to be granted, the student must be officially declared "**Competent**" in each of the units of the programme by the National Assessor.

Conclusion

Competency-Based Assessment is a critical component in ensuring the quality and credibility of technical and vocational skills-based training. By adhering to the outlined procedure, MNSDA upholds the standards required to certify students who are fully prepared to meet industry demands.