



Skills and techniques

You need to be able to identify the different types of skills you need to produce your selected dishes. Some dishes will require the use of more complex skills. You will need to demonstrate a range of skills when producing your chosen dishes.

Preparation and cooking skills are categorised as follows: **basic**, **medium**, and **complex**.

Presentation

You should know and understand the importance of using the following appropriate presentation techniques during the production of dishes:

- creativity
- garnish and decoration
- portion control
- accompaniments.

Basic preparation skills and techniques

Blending, beating, chopping, grating, hydrating, juicing, marinading, mashing, melting, peeling, proving, sieving, tenderising, trimming, and zesting.

Medium preparation skills and techniques

Baton, *chiffonade*, creaming, dehydrating, deseeding, dicing, folding, kneading, measuring, mixing, puréeing, rub-in, rolling, skinning, slicing, spatchcocking, toasting (nuts/seeds) and weighing.

Complex preparation skills and techniques

Brunoise, crimping, de-boning, filleting, *julienne*, laminating (pastry), melting using *bain-marie*, mincing, piping, and segmenting, shaping, unmoulding and whisking (aeration).

Basic cooking skills and techniques

Basting, boiling, chilling, cooling, dehydrating, freezing, grilling, skimming, and toasting.

Medium cooking skills and techniques

Baking, blanching, braising, deglazing, frying, griddling, pickling, reduction, roasting, sautéing, steaming, stir-frying, and using a *sous vide* (water bath).

Complex cooking skills and techniques

Baking blind, caramelising, deep fat frying, emulsifying, poaching, and tempering.