

Chef

Do you love cooking and preparing food for your family and friends? Do you relish the thought of a real challenge? Then perhaps a career as a chef would suit you.

Opportunities

As a chef, you would normally receive on-the-job training from your employer. You could combine this with working towards qualifications. There are countless opportunities awaiting you in various settings; remember even the celebrity chefs started as trainees or apprentices!

Salary expectations could be: Kitchen Assistant (Starter): £11,500 to £12,500; Kitchen Assistant (Experienced): up to £16,500; Trainee Chef: £13,000; Section Chef: £18,000 to £25,000; Head Chef: £30,000 to £50,000.

If you're self-employed, running your own business as a Chef Patron, you could earn considerably more.



Requirements

You may not need any academic qualifications, but employers like to see a good general standard of education, including English and maths. You'll also need enthusiasm, good communication skills, high personal standards of hygiene, and a good helping of creativity and imagination. Chefs work a variety of shifts, and this can include early mornings, late nights, weekends and even Christmas Day!

Apprenticeships



Hospitality Team Member Apprenticeship



Production Chef Apprenticeship



Commis Chef Apprenticeship



Senior Chef Apprenticeship in Production Cooking



Chef de Partie Apprenticeship



Senior Culinary Chef Apprenticeship

Career Progression

Apprentice or Commis Chef/Cook

Chef de Partie

Sous Chef

Head Chef

Executive or Development Chef