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**LEVEL 3**

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# FOREWORD

The provision of quality education and training is fundamental to the Government’s overall strategy for social economic development. Quality education and training will contribute to achievement of Kenya’s development blueprint, Vision 2030 and sustainable development goals.

Reforms in the education sector are necessary for the achievement of Kenya Vision 2030 and meeting the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The education sector had to be aligned to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and this resulted in the formulation of the Policy Framework for Reforming Education and Training. A key feature of this policy is the radical change in the design and delivery of the TVET training. This policy document requires that training in TVET be competency based, curriculum development be industry led, certification be based on demonstration of competence and mode of delivery allows for multiple entry and exit in TVET programmes.

These reforms demand that Industry takes a leading role in curriculum development to ensure the curriculum addresses its competence needs. It is against this background that these Occupational Standards were developed for the purpose of developing a competency-based curriculum for Sweet Potato Processing. These Occupational Standards will also be the basis for assessment of an individual for competence certification.

It is my conviction that these Occupational Standards will play a great role towards development of competent human resource for Sweet Potato sector’s growth and development.

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# PREFACE

Kenya’s Vision 2030 aims to transform the country into a newly industrializing, “middle-income country providing a high-quality life to all its citizens by the year 2030”. Kenya intends to create a globally competitive and adaptive human resource base to meet the requirements of a rapidly industrializing economy through life-long education and training. TVET has a responsibility of facilitating the process of inculcating knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for catapulting the nation to a globally competitive country, hence the paradigm shift to embrace Competency Based Education and Training (CBET).

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Act No. 29 of 2013 on Reforming Education and Training in Kenya, emphasized the need to reform curriculum development, assessment and certification. This called for a shift to CBET in order to address the mismatch between skills acquired through training and skills needed by industry as well as increase the global competitiveness of Kenyan labor force.

The TVET Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council (TVET CDACC), in conjunction with Sweet Potato Sector Skills Advisory Committee (SSAC) have developed these Occupational Standards for Sweet Potato Processing. These standards will be the basis for development of competency-based curriculum for Sweet Potato Processing level 3.

The occupational standards are designed and organized with clear performance criteria for each element of a unit of competency. These standards also outline the required knowledge and skills as well as evidence guide.

I am grateful to the Council Members, Council Secretariat, Sweet Potato SSAC, expert workers and all those who participated in the development of these Occupational Standards.

**CHAIRPERSON, TVET CDACC**

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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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AGR Agriculture and Rural Development

BC Basic Competency

CBET Competency-Based Education and Training

CDACC Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council

CR Core Competency

GAP Good Agricultural Practice

GHP Good Handling Practices

GMP Good Manufacturing Practice

GSP Good Storage Practices

ICT Information communication technology

NEMA National Environment Management Authority

OSH Occupational Safety and Health

SOPs Standard Operating Procedures

SPP Sweet Potato Processing

TVET Technical and Vocational Education and Training

# KEY TO UNIT CODE

**AGR/OS/SPP/BC/01/3/A**

Industry or sector

Occupational Standards

Occupational area

Type of competency

Competency number

Competency level

Control version

# OVERVIEW

Sweet Potato Processing Certificate level 3 qualification consists of competencies that a person must achieve to produce sweet potato puree, sweet potato flour, sweet potato crisps and dry sweet potato chips.

The units of competency leading to Sweet Potato Processing certificate level 3 qualification include the following seven basic and four core competencies:

**BASIC UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

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| **Unit Code** | **Unit Title** |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/01/3/A | Demonstrate communication skills |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/02/3/A | Demonstrate numeracy skills |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/03/3/A | Demonstrate digital literacy |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/04/3/A | Demonstrate entrepreneurial skills |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/05/3/A | Demonstrate employability skills |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/06/3/A | Demonstrate environmental literacy |
| AGR/OS/SPP/BC/07/3/A | Demonstrate Occupational safety and health practices |

**CORE UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

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| **Unit Code** | **Unit Title** |
| AGR/OS/SPP/CR/01/3/A | Produce sweet potato puree |
| AGR/OS/SPP/CR/02/3/A | Produce sweet potato flour |
| AGR/OS/SPP/CR/03/3/A | Produce sweet potato crisps |
| AGR/OS/SPP/CR/04/3/A | Produce dry sweet potato chips |

# BASIC UNITS OF COMPETENCY

# DEMONSTRATE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/01/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to demonstrate communication skills. It involves obtaining and conveying workplace information, speaking English at a basic operational level, participating in workplace meetings and discussions, and completing relevant work-related documents.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  ***Bold and italicized terms*** ***are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Obtain and convey workplace information | 1. Specific and relevant information is accessed from ***appropriate sources*** based on standard procedures 2. Effective questioning, active listening and speaking skills are used to gather and convey information based on communication needs 3. Appropriate ***medium*** is used to transfer information and ideas in accordance with workplace guidelines 4. Appropriate non- verbal communication is used as per the communication needs 5. Appropriate lines of communicationwith supervisors and colleagues are identified and followed based on workplace requirements 6. Location and storage of information is undertaken according to workplace procedures 7. Personal interaction is carried out clearly and concisely according to workplace requirements |
| 1. Speak English at a basic operational level | * 1. Participation in simple conversations with work colleagues is undertaken based on familiar topics   2. Simple verbal instructions and requests are responded to according to workplace guidelines   3. ***Routine procedures*** are provided in accordance with workplace policy   4. Likes, dislikes and preferences are expressed based on individual preference   5. Different forms of expression in English are identified in line with workplace requirements |
| 1. Participate in workplace meetings and discussions | * 1. Team meetings are attended on time according to schedules   2. Own opinions are clearly expressed and those of others are listened to in accordance with workplace guidelines   3. Meeting inputs are provided based on the meeting purpose and established ***protocols***   4. ***Workplace interactions*** are conducted as per organizations’ code of conduct   5. Work-related questions are asked and responded based on set protocols   6. Meetings outcomes are interpreted and implemented as per organizations’ objectives |
| 1. Complete relevant work-related documents | * 1. Range of forms relating to conditions of employment are completed according to workplace procedures   2. Workplace data is recorded based on workplace requirements   3. Errors in recording information are identified and acted upon in accordance with workplace policies   4. Reporting requirements are completed according to organizational guidelines |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environment and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environment and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. Appropriate Sources may include but not limited to: | * Various department heads, * organization documents |
| 1. Medium may include but not limited to: | * Method of communication * Physical media * Mechanical media |
| 1. Routine procedures may include but not limited to: | * Day to day activities |
| 1. Protocols may include but not limited to: | * Procedures for doing a task |
| 1. Workplace interactions may include but not limited to: | * Official inter relations |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Analytical
* Active Listening
* Communication
* writing
* Interpretation
* Basic Information Technology (IT)

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Minutes writing
* Report writing

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   1. Prepared written communication following standard format of the organization 2. Accessed information using communication equipment 3. Spoken English at a basic operational level 4. Made use of relevant terms as an aid to transfer information effectively 5. Conveyed information effectively adopting the formal or informal communication |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 3. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | * 1. Direct Observation   2. Interview   3. Written test |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed   1. On the job 2. Off the job 3. During industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# **DEMONSTRATE N**UMERACY SKILLS

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/02/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION:**

This unit covers the competencies required to demonstrate numeracy skills. It involves using whole numbers and money up to one hundred thousand for work, Locating, comparing and using highly familiar measurement for work, using highly familiar maps and diagrams for work, identifying and using some common 2D shapes for work and locating specific information in highly familiar tables, graphs and charts for work

**Elements and Performance Criteria**

| **Element** | **Performance Criteria** |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.  ***Bold and italicized terms*** ***are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Use whole numbers for work | 1. Whole numbers and money amount up to 100,000 in highly familiar workplace documents and tasks are named and read according to workplace procedures. 2. Understanding of place value and the role of zero is demonstrate according to standard operating procedures. 3. Halves are recognised and understood in workplace as per Standard operating procedures. 4. Whole numbers and money amounting up to 100,000 are organised in size order and are compared as per workplace procedures. 5. Counting is done in numbers as per standard operating procedures. 6. Addition and subtraction of whole numbers and money up to 100,000 done in accordance with workplace requirement 7. Links between operations of addition and subtraction are clearly described as per job requirement. 8. Reasonableness of outcome with prompting and support is checked as per work requirement. 9. Numerical information is recorded, and the result of the task is communicated using informal language and symbolism as per workplace procedures. |
| 1. Locate, compare and use highly familiar measurement for work | 1. Measurements in highly familiar workplace documents and tasks are located as per standard operating procedures 2. Different units of measurements and their uses are identified in accordance with job specifications 3. The comparative relationship between the units of measurement identified as per standard operating procedures. 4. Understanding of conversion of amounts is demonstrated in accordance with requirements. 5. Informal language is used to compare measurements as per workplace procedures. 6. Digital time is well read and am and pm used in reference to time 7. Calendar used appropriately to record information in accordance with organizational events. 8. Basic measurement information is well read and recorded as per the manuals 9. Additions and subtraction of simple quantities done in workplace as per SOPs. |
| 1. Use highly familiar maps and diagrams for work | 1. Familiar items or places are in highly familiar maps and diagrams in accordance with SOPs 2. Simple symbols and pictorial representations are identified in accordance with familiar maps and diagrams 3. Simple oral directions are given to locate objects as per SOPs 4. Simple oral directions followed to locate objects as per job specifications 5. Understanding of informal directional language is demonstrated as per work procedures. |
| 1. Identify and use some common 2D shapes for work | 1. ***Common two-dimensional* shapes** are identified and named as per SOPs 2. Common objects are described in terms of size and shape as per SOPs 3. Common, every day, informal language is used to compare objects in accordance SOPs 4. Common objects are grouped based on shape, size, colour and features as per job requirements |
| 1. Locate specific Information in highly familiar tables, graphs and charts for work | 1. Features of simple tables identified as per work place procedures 2. Specific numerical information located in highly familiar tables using grid movement (up and down columns and across rows) and key as graph and chart manuals 3. Numerical information and data in highly familiar tables compared using appropriate informal language as per workplace procedures. 4. Information related to relevant workplace tasks as per workplace procedures 5. Features of simple graphs and charts identified as per SOPs 6. Specific numerical information located in highly familiar graphs and charts as per workplace procedures. 7. Numerical information and data compared using appropriate informal language as per SOPs. |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. Common two -dimensional shapes: may include but not limited to: | * + Round/circle   + Square   + Rectangular   + Triangle |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Measuring
* Logical thinking
* Computing
* Drawing of graphs
* Applying mathematical formulas
* Analytical

**Required knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Types of common shapes
* Differentiation between two dimensional shapes / objects
* Formulae for calculating area and volume
* Types and purpose of measuring instruments
* Units of measurement and abbreviations
* Fundamental operations (addition, subtraction, division, multiplication)
* Rounding techniques
* Types of fractions
* Different types of tables and graphs
* Meaning of graphs, such as increasing, decreasing, and constant value
* Preparation of basic data, tables & graphs

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Measured objects or materials as per job requirements   2. Used calculator to perform the four fundamental operations   3. Performed calculations involving money up to one hundred thousand   4. Performed conversions between hours, minutes and seconds   5. Calculated area and volume of regular shapes   6. Created tables and graphs to represent and interpret information | |
| 1. Resource Implications for competence assessment | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 3. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency may be assessed through:   * 1. Written Test   2. Interview   3. Oral Questioning   4. Demonstration |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed  4.1 On the job  4.2 Off the job  4.3 During industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# DEMONSTRATE DIGITAL LITERACY

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/03/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit covers the competencies required to demonstrate digital literacy in a working environment. It entails identifying computer software and hardware, applying security measures to data, hardware, software, applying computer software in solving tasks and applying internet and email in communication at workplace.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  ***Bold and italicized terms*** ***are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Identify computer software and hardware | * 1. ***Computer software*** are identified according to manufacturer’s specification   2. ***Appropriate computer hardware*** is identified according to manufacturer’s specification |
| 1. Apply security measures to data, hardware, software | * 1. ***Data security and privacy are classified*** in accordance with the technological situation   2. ***Security and control measures*** are applied in accordance with laws governing protection of ICT   3. Computer threats and crimes are detected in accordance with information management guidelines.   4. Protection against computer crimes is undertaken in accordance with laws governing protection of ICT |
| 1. Apply computer software in solving tasks | * 1. Basic ***word processing concepts*** are applied in resolving workplace tasks as per job requirement.   2. ***Word processing utilities*** are applied in accordance with workplace procedures   3. Data is manipulated on worksheet in accordance with office procedures |
| 1. Apply internet and email in communication at workplace | * 1. Electronic mail is applied in workplace communication in accordance with office procedures   2. Office internet functions are defined and executed in accordance with office procedures   3. ***Network configuration*** and uses are determined in accordance with office operations procedures |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. Computer software may include but not limited to: | * Operating system * MS office * Web browser   Media players |
| 1. Computer hardware may include but not limited to: | * Computer Case * Monitor * Keyboard * Mouse * Hard Disk Drive * Motherboard * Video Card |
| 1. Data security and privacy may include but not limited to: | * Confidentiality * Cloud computing * Confidentiality * Cyber terrorism * Integrity -but-curious data serving |
| 1. Security and control measures may include but not limited to: | * Countermeasures and risk reduction * Cyber threat issues * Risk management |
| 1. Word processing concepts may include but not limited to: | * Create * Edit * Print * Documents |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Analytical skills
* Interpretation
* Typing
* Communication
* Computing skills
* Basic ICT skills

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Input and output devices
* Central processing Unit (CPU)
* Peripherals
* Storage Media
* Software concept
* Types of concept
* Function of computer software
* Data security and privacy
* Security threats and control measures
* Computer crimes
* Detection and protection of computer crimes
* Laws governing protection of ICT
* Word processing;
* Functions and concepts of word processing.
* Documents and tables creation and manipulations
* Mail merging
* Word processing utilities
* Spread sheet;
* Meaning, formulae, function and charts, uses, layout, data manipulation and application to cell
* Networking and Internet;
* Meaning, functions and uses of networking and internet.
* Electronic mail and world wide web
* Emerging trends and issues in ICT;
* Identify and apply emerging trends and issues in ICT
* Challenges posed by emerging trends and issues

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Identified input, output, CPU and storage media devices of computers in accordance to computer specification   2. Identified concepts, types and functions of computer software according to operation manual   3. Identified and controlled security threats   4. Detected and protected computer crimes   5. Applied word processing in office tasks   6. Prepared work sheet and applied data to the cells in accordance to workplace procedures   7. Used Electronic Mail for office communication as per workplace procedure   8. Applied internet and World Wide Web for office tasks in accordance with office procedures   9. Applied laws governing protection of ICT |
| 1. Resource Implications for competence assessment | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 3. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency may be assessed through:   * 1. Written Test   2. Observation   3. Practical assignment   4. Interview   5. Oral Questioning |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed   1. On the job 2. Off the job 3. During industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# DEMONSTRATE ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

**UNIT CODE :** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/04/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to demonstrate Entrepreneurial skills. It involves developing entrepreneurial culture, identifying entrepreneurial opportunities, starting, operating and growing a small business.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function. | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range |
| 1. Develop entrepreneurial culture | 1. ***Entrepreneurship terminologies*** are defined following established procedures. 2. Contribution of entrepreneurship towards national development is identified in accordance to national development goals 3. Self-employment benefit are identified and emphasized to help create a positive attitude 4. Cultural factors that promote or inhibit entrepreneurial development areidentified and emphasis made on entrepreneurial promotion 5. Ways of managing factors that inhibit development of entrepreneurial culture are identified in accordance withcultural background and national social economic situation |
| 1. Identify entrepreneurial opportunities | 2.1 Myths associated with entrepreneurship, types of entrepreneurs and characteristics of entrepreneurship are determined in accordance with the set procedures  2.2 Identification of ***sources of business ideas,*** generation of business ideas is undertaken in accordance with the existing procedure  2.3 Evaluation of business opportunities is undertaken according to prevailing office procedures  2.4 Competencies are matched with business opportunities in accordance with business practices. |
| 1. Start a small business | 3.1 Factors to consider when starting a small business are identified according to business sector.  3.2 ***Forms of business ownership*** are identified and procedure of starting a small business stipulated according to relevant legal requirements  3.3 Procedure of starting a small business is identified as per the legal requirements  3.3 Challenges faced when starting a small business are identified and mitigating factors provided for in accordance prevailing legal and regulatory requirement  3.4 Resource requirement for a small business are specified according to nature of business  3.5 Business life cycle is projected as per the nature of business and national social economic situation |
| 1. Operate a small business | 4.1 Relevant terms are defined in accordance with the set rules  4..3 Small business record is maintained in accordance with office procedures  4.4 Business support services are set up in accordance with the nature and size of business  4.**5** Marketing activities are effected according to the nature and size of business  4.6 Small enterprise business plan is prepared depending on the size and nature of business and the client specification  4.6 Small business resources are run for efficiency and profitability  4.6 Small business records are kept for decision making purposes  4.7 Word processing concepts are applied in the management of small business according to office procedures  4.8 Basic computer application software and emerging trends and concerns are applied in small business management in accordance with office procedures |
| 1. Grow a small business | 5.1 Methods of growing/expanding a small business are identified and implemented in accordance with growth schedule  5.2 Resources for growing small business are identified and implementing  5.3 Small business growth plans are prepared according to growth schedule  5.4 ICT and small business growth schedule is prepared in accordance with office procedures  5.5 Use of computers and technology is incorporated in small scale business growth schedule in accordance with technological trends  5.6 Social media is used for business growth and profitability  5.7 Emerging issues and trends are considered in accordance with business growth schedule and activities  5.8 Community interest is built in product/service according to growth plan  5.9 Business communication is enhanced according to business communication planand profitability  5.10Basic business growth strategies are identified and implemented for increased profitability  5.11 Word processing concepts are applied in growing of small business according to office procedures  5.12 Basic computer application software, programming and emerging trends and concerns are applied in small business growth in accordance with office procedures for growth and profitability |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environment and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environment and situations that will affect performance

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. Entrepreneurship terminologies include but not limited to: | * Intrapreneurship * Enterprise * Business vision. Mission, core values, objectives |
| 1. Sources of business ideas may include but not limited to: | |  | | --- | | * Brainstorming * Personal hobbies * Newspapers, magazines, * Friends and relatives * Accounting/Administrative work * Modern trends and concerns | |
| 1. Forms of business ownership may include but not limited to: | * Sole proprietorship * Partnership * Limited Company * Unlimited Company |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

**Required Skills**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Marketing skills
* Advertising
* Basic book-keeping
* accounting skills
* Communication skills

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Public relations concepts
* Basic product promotion strategies
* Basic market and feasibility studies
* Basic business ethics
* Building customer relations
* Business models and strategies
* Types and categories of businesses
* Business internal controls
* Relevant national and local legislation and regulations
* Basic quality control and assurance concepts
* Building relations with customer and employees
* Building competitive advantage of the enterprise

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This section describes the required skills which supports performance. These skills will need to be considered in the learning and assessment process.

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| 1. Critical aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   |  | | --- | | 1.1 Demonstrated basic entrepreneurial skills  1.2 Demonstrated ability to conceptualize and plan a micro/small enterprise  1.3 Demonstrated ability to manage/operate a micro/small-scale business  1.4 Demonstrated basic marketing skills | |
| 1. Resource Implications for assessment | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 3. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 3.1 Written tests  3.2 Oral Questioning  3.3 Observation  3.4 Third Party Report |  | |
| 1. Context of Assessment | |  | | --- | | 4Competency may be assessed  4.1 On the job  4.2 Off the job  4.3 During industrial attachment | |  | |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# DEMONSTRATE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/05/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTON**

This unit covers competencies required to demonstrate employability skills. It involves conducting self-management, demonstrating critical safe work habits, demonstrating workplace learning and workplace ethics.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function. | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  ***Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Conduct self-management | 1. Personal vision, mission and goals are formulated based on potential and in relation to organization objectives 2. Emotional intelligence is demonstrated as per workplace requirements. 3. Individual performance is evaluated ~~and monitored~~ according to the agreed targets. 4. Assertiveness is developed and maintained based on the requirements of the job. 5. Accountability and responsibility for own actions are demonstrated based on workplace instructions. 6. Self-esteem and a positive self-image are developed and maintained based on values. 7. Time management, attendance and punctuality are observed as per the organization policy. 8. Goals are managed as per the organization’s objectives 9. Self-strengths and weaknesses are identified based on personal objectives |
| 1. Demonstrate critical safe work habits | 1. Stress is managed in accordance with workplace policy. 2. Punctuality and time consciousness is demonstrated in line with workplace policy. 3. Personal objectives are integrated with organization goals based on organization’s strategic plan. 4. ***Resources*** are utilized in accordance with workplace policy. 5. Work priorities are set in accordance to workplace goals and objectives. 6. Leisure time is recognized and utilized in line with personal objectives. 7. ***Drugs and substances of abuse*** are identified and avoided based on workplace policy. 8. HIV and AIDS prevention awareness is demonstrated in line with workplace policy. 9. Safety consciousness is demonstrated in the workplace based on organization safety policy. 10. ***Emerging issues*** are identified and dealt with in accordance with organization policy. |
| 1. Demonstrate workplace learning | * 1. Learning opportunities are sought and managed based on job requirement and organization policy.   2. Improvement in performance is demonstrated based on courses attended.   3. Application of learning is demonstrated in both technical and non-technical aspects based on requirements of the job   4. Time and effort is invested in learning new skills based on job requirements   5. Initiative is taken to create more effective and efficient processes and procedures in line with workplace policy.   6. New systems are developed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the job.   7. Awareness of personal role in workplace ***innovation*** is demonstrated based on requirements of the job. |
| 1. Demonstrate workplace ethics | 1. Policies and guidelines are observed as per the workplace requirements 2. Self-worth and professionalism is exercised in line with personal goals and organizational policies 3. Code of conduct is observed as per the workplace requirements 4. Integrity is demonstrated as per legal requirement |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environment and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environment and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Range** | **Variable** |
| 1. Drug and substance abuse may include but not limited to: | Commonly abused   * Alcohol * Tobacco * Miraa * Over-the-counter drugs * Cocaine * Bhang * Glue |
| 1. Feedback may include but not limited to: | * Verbal * Written * Informal * Formal |
| 1. Team may include but not limited to: | * Small work group * Staff in a section/department * Inter-agency group |
| 1. Innovation may include but not limited to: | * New ideas * Original ideas * Different ideas * Methods/procedures * Processes * New tools |
| 1. Emerging issues may include but not limited to: | * Terrorism * Social media * National cohesion * Open offices |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Critical thinking
* Observation
* Organizing
* Record keeping
* Problem solving
* Decision Making
* Resource utilization

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Work values and ethics
* Company policies
* Company operations, procedures and standards
* Occupational Health and safety procedures
* Fundamental rights at work
* Personal hygiene practices
* Workplace communication
* Concept of time
* Time management
* Decision making
* Types of resources
* Work planning
* Organizing work
* Record keeping
* Workplace problems and how to deal with them
* Assertiveness
* Team work
* HIV and AIDS
* Drug and substance abuse
* Safe work habits
* Professional growth and development
* Technology in the workplace
* Innovation
* Emerging issues
  + Social media
  + Terrorism
  + National cohesion

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Conducted self-management   2. Demonstrated critical safe work habits   3. Demonstrated workplace learning   4. Demonstrated workplace ethics |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   1. Oral questioning 2. Portfolio of evidence 3. Third Party Reports 4. Written tests |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed   1. On-the-job 2. Off-the –job 3. During Industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# DEMONSTRATE ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

**UNIT CODE :** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/06/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to demonstrate environmental literacy. It involves controlling environmental hazard, controlling environmental pollution and demonstrating sustainable resource use.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function. | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  ***Bold and italicized terms*** ***are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Control environmental hazard | 1. Storage and handling methods for environmentally hazardous materials are strictly followed according to environmental regulations and OSHS. 2. Disposal methods of hazardous wastes are followed at all times according to environmental regulations and OSHS. 3. ***PPE*** is used according to OSHS. |
| 1. Control environmental Pollution | * 1. ***Environmental pollution******control measures*** are complied with following standard protocol.   2. Procedures for solid waste management are observed according Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999   3. Methods for minimizing noise pollution complied following environmental regulations. |
| 1. Demonstrate sustainable use of resource | * 1. Methods for minimizing wastage are complied with.   2. ***Waste management procedures*** are employed following principles of 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)   3. Methods for economizing or reducing ***resource*** consumption are practiced. |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. PPE may include but not limited to: | * + Mask   + Gloves   + Goggles   + Safety hat   + Overall   + Hearing protector |
| 1. Environmental pollution control measures may include but not limited to: | * 1. Methods for minimizing or stopping spread and ingestion of airborne particles   2. Methods for minimizing or stopping spread and ingestion of gases and fumes   3. Methods for minimizing or stopping spread and ingestion of liquid wastes |
| 1. Waste management procedures may include but not limited to: | 1. Sorting 2. Storing of items 3. Recycling of items 4. Disposal of items |
| 1. Resources may include but not limited to: | * 1. Electric   2. Water   3. Fuel   4. Telecommunications   5. Supplies  1. Materials |
| 1. Workplace environmental hazards may include but not limited to: | 1. Biological hazards 2. Chemical and dust hazards 3. Physical hazards |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Observation
* Writing
* Analytical

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Storage methods of environmentally hazardous materials
* Disposal methods of hazardous wastes
* Usage of PPE Environmental regulations
* OSHS
* Types of pollution
* Environmental pollution control measures
* Different solid wastes
* Solid waste management
* Different noise pollution
* Methods of minimizing noise pollution
* Solid Waste Act
* Methods of minimizing wastage
* Waste management procedures
* Economizing of resource consumption
* Principle of 3Rs

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:  1.1 Controlled environmental hazard  1.2 Controlled environmental pollution  1.3 Demonstrated sustainable resource use |
| 1. Resource Implications for assessment | The following resources should be provided:   * 1. Workplace with storage facilities   2. Tools, materials and equipment relevant to the tasks (ex. Cleaning tools, cleaning materials, trash bags, etc.)   3. PPE   4. Manuals and references |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:  3.1 Observation  3.2 Oral questioning  3.3 Written examination |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed   1. On the job 2. Off the job 3. During industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# DEMONSTRATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PRACTICES

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/BC/07/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to practice and promote safety and health at work. This entails preparing to practice safety and health at work and complying and promoting compliance of workers to organization’s occupational safety and health instructions and requirements

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the key outcomes which make up workplace function. | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are assessable statements which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements.  ***Bold and italicized terms*** ***are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Prepare to practice safety and health at work | 1.1 Awareness of legislation that outlines the minimum standards for occupational safety and health requirements/ regulations are emphasized  1.2 Benefits of implementing an occupational safety and health program are identified  1.3 ***Safety requirements/ regulations*** of own work and of other workers are familiarized  1.4 Workplace standards and procedures ***for incidents and Emergencies*** are determined  1.5 ***Prevention and control measures***, including use of ***safety gears/PPE*** (Personal Protective Equipment) to avoid accident, injuries and sickness are identified |
| 1. Comply and promote compliance of workers to organization’s occupational safety and health instructions and requirements | 2.1 Safety instructions and safety signs are followed and disseminated to co-workers  2.2 Safe handling of tools, equipment and materials is learned and shared with co-workers  2.3 Execution of own work and of co-workers is monitored in  according to safe work procedures  2.4 Use of safe guards and safety devices is monitored  2.5 Hazards, incidents, injuries and sickness in the workplace are reported properly following standards and procedures |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **Variable** | **Range** |
| 1. ***Safety requirements / regulations*** may include but are not limited to: | * Building code * Permit to Operate * Occupational Safety and Health Standards |
| 1. ***Incidents and emergencies*** may include but are not limited to: | * Chemical spills * Equipment/vehicle accidents * Explosion * Fire * Gas leak * Injury to personnel * Structural collapse * Toxic and/or flammable vapors emission. |
| 1. ***Prevention and control measures*** may include but are not limited to: | * Eliminate the hazard * Isolate the hazard * Substitute the hazard with a safer alternative * Use administrative controls to reduce the risk * Use engineering controls to reduce the risk * Use personal protective equipment * Safety, Health and Work Environment Evaluation * Periodic and/or special medical examinations of workers |
| 1. ***Safety devices/ PPEs*** (personal protective equipment) May include but are not limited to: | * Arm/Hand guard, gloves * Eye protection (goggles, shield) * Hearing protection (ear muffs, ear plugs) * Hair Net/cap/bonnet * Hard hat * Face protection (mask, shield) * Apron/Gown/coverall/jump suit * Anti-static suits * High-visibility reflective vest |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Observation
* Reporting
* Organizing

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Elements of an effective occupational safety and health program
* Benefits of implementing an occupational safety and health program
* Safety requirements of own work and of other workers
* Standard emergency plan and procedures in the workplace
* Different OSH control measures
* General OSH principles
* Work standards and procedures
* Safe handling procedures of tools, equipment’s and materials
* Standard emergency plan and procedures in the workplace
* Different OSH control measures
* Standard accident and illness reporting procedures in the workplace
* Monitoring system on compliance to work safety and health

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   1. Arranged work area and items in accordance with workplace procedures requirements 2. Followed work standards and procedures based on instructions 3. Applied ***Prevention and control measures*** based on instructions 4. Undertook orientations on ***OSH requirements and regulations*** in line with policy. 5. Provided feedback on occupational health and safety as per workplace instructions. 6. Adhered to workplace procedures for reporting hazards, incidents, injuries and sickness to as per workplace policy. 7. Identified and proposed ***OSH-related training needs*** as per workplace policy. |
| 1. Resource Implications for assessment | The following resources should be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace where assessment can take place 2. Appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   1. Oral questioning 2. Portfolio of evidence 3. Third Party Reports 4. Written tests |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed   1. On-the-job 2. Off-the –job 3. During Industrial attachment |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# CORE UNITS OF COMPETENCY

# PRODUCE SWEET POTATO PUREE

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/CR/01/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to produce sweet potato puree. It involves washing sweet potato roots, steaming and cooling sweet potato roots, pureeing steamed sweet potato roots, packaging sweet potato puree and implementing pre-requisite programmes.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the **key outcomes** which make up workplace function (to be stated in active) | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are **assessable statements** which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements (to be stated in passive voice)  ***Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Sort and trim sweet potato roots | * 1. Roots are weighed and ***sorted*** as per the workplace protocol   2. Roots are trimmed depending on workplace procedures. |
| 1. Wash sweet potato roots | * 1. Roots are pre-soaked to prepare them for washing as per processor guidelines   2. Roots are washed as per SOPs |
| 1. Steam and cool sweet potato roots | * 1. Size reduction is done to facilitate uniform steaming as per the factory guidelines.   2. Steamer is assembled in accordance to the company protocol   3. Water quantity for steam generation is determined according to steamer capacity.   4. Loading of roots is done as per the recommended capacity and guidelines   5. Temperature is monitored until roots are adequately steamed based on temperature control guidelines.   6. Cooling is rapidly done to desired temperature as per the company protocol. |
| 1. Puree steamed sweet potato roots | * 1. Puree equipment is cleaned and sterilized as per the Standard Operating Procedure   2. The equipment is assembled and turned on as per manufacturer guide.   3. Feeding of roots for puree production is done as per the manufacturer guide on feeding range. |
| 1. Package sweet potato puree | * 1. Weighing is done into desirable quantities as per the client’s request.   2. ***Sealing*** is done as per GMP   3. Storage is done as per the GMP |
| 1. Implement pre-requisite programmes | * 1. Adhered to Good Manufacturing Practices as per CODEX principles   2. Adhered to Good Hygiene Practices as per CODEX principles |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **VARIABLE** | **RANGE** |
| 1. Sorted may include but are not limited to: | Roots are sorted according to:   * Not rotten * Not insect infested * Not pest damaged * Appropriate size * Flesh colour |
| 1. Good hygiene and good manufacturing practices may include but are not limited to: | * Personal hygiene * Equipment cleaning and maintenance * Equipment storage * General plant hygiene * Water quality * Waste disposal |
| 1. Sealing may include but are not limited to: | * Manual sealing * Vacuum sealing * Pneumatic/Aseptic sealing |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Maintenance
* Problem solving
* Technical
* Interpretation
* Observation

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Sorting
* Machine operation
* Machine maintenance
* Record keeping

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Weighed and sorted roots   2. Pre-soaked and washed roots   3. Adhered to good hygiene and good manufacturing practices   4. Did size reduction   5. Assembled steamer   6. Determined water quantity for steam generation   7. Loaded roots as per the recommended capacity and guidelines   8. Monitored temperature until roots are adequately steamed   9. Cooled to desired temperature   10. Cleaned and sterilized puree equipment   11. Assembled and turned on puree equipment   12. Fed steamed roots for puree production   13. Packaged sweet potato puree   14. Stored packaged sweet potato puree |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources must be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace or appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 2. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   * 1. Oral   2. Written   3. Third party report   4. Observation |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed on the job, off the job or a combination of these. Off the job assessment must be undertaken in a closely simulated workplace environment. |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# PRODUCE SWEET POTATO FLOUR

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/CR/02/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to produce sweet potato flour. It involves preparing sweet potato roots, drying sweet potato chips, milling sweet potato chips, packaging sweet potato flour and implementing pre-requisite programmes.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the **key outcomes** which make up workplace function (to be stated in active) | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are **assessable statements** which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements (to be stated in passive voice)  ***Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Prepare sweet potato roots | * 1. Sweet potato roots are sourced according to workplace procurement procedures   2. Sweet potato roots are weighed and ***sorted*** as per GMP   3. Sweet potato roots are washed in water, agitated and brushed to remove soil and other foreign materials according to SOPs   4. Sweet potato roots are rinsed according to SOPs   5. Sweet potato roots are de-watered according to SOPs   6. Sweet potato roots are chipped/ grated according to GMP |
| 1. Dry sweet potato chips | * 1. Sweet potato chips are spread onto drying trays/beds according to GMP   2. Sweet potato chips are dried according to GMP |
| 1. Mill sweet potato chips | * 1. Dried sweet potato chips are milled to flour according to GMP/Kenya standards   2. Sweet potato flour is sieved according to GMP |
| 1. Package sweet potato flour | * 1. Sweet potato flour is weighed according to GMP   2. Sweet potato flour is filled into packaging materials according to GMP   3. Packaged sweet potato flour is sealed according to GMP   4. Packaged sweet potato flour is labelled and coded according labelling regulations   5. Packaged sweet potato flour is transported/stored as per GHP and GSP |
| 1. Implement pre-requisite programmes | * 1. Adhered to Good Manufacturing Practices as per CODEX principles   2. Adhered to Good Hygiene Practices as per CODEX principles |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **VARIABLE** | **RANGE** |
| 1. Good hygiene and good manufacturing practices includes but not limited to: | * Personal hygiene * Equipment cleaning and maintenance * Equipment storage * General plant hygiene * Water quality * Waste disposal |
| 1. Sorted includes but not limited to: | Roots are sorted according to:   * Not rotten * Not insect infested * Not pest damaged * Appropriate size * Flesh colour |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Computer
* Maintenance
* Problem solving
* Observation
* Sample handling
* Use of tools and equipment
* Measuring
* Record keeping
* Teamwork
* Food handling
* Interpersonal
* Social
* Numeracy

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Sweet potato products
* Sorting
* Cleaning techniques
* Size reduction techniques
* Drying methods
* Milling techniques
* Food packaging and labelling
* GMP and SOP
* Food standards
* Equipment operation and maintenance

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Sourced sweet potato roots   2. Weighed and sorted sweet potato roots   3. Soaked sweet potato roots   4. Removed soil and other foreign materials from sweet potato roots   5. Rinsed sweet potato roots   6. De-watered sweet potato roots   7. Chipped/grated sweet potato roots   8. Dried sweet potato chips   9. Milled sweet potato chips   10. Sieved sweet potato flour   11. Weighed sweet potato flour   12. Packaged sweet potato flour   13. Sealed packets for sweet potato flour   14. Labelled and coded packets for sweet potato flour   15. Transported packaged sweet potato flour to store   16. Stored packaged sweet potato flour |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources must be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace or appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 2. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   * 1. Oral   2. Written   3. Third party report   4. Observation |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed on the job, off the job or a combination of these. Off the job assessment must be undertaken in a closely simulated workplace environment. |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# PRODUCE SWEET POTATO CRISPS

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/CR/03/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to produce sweet potato crisps. It involves preparing sweet potato roots, frying sweet potato slices, seasoning sweet potato crisps, packaging sweet potato crisps and implementing pre-requisite programmes.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the **key outcomes** which make up workplace function (to be stated in active) | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are **assessable statements** which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements (to be stated in passive voice)  ***Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Prepare sweet potato roots | * 1. Sweet potato roots are sourced as per workplace procurement procedures   2. Sweet potato roots are weighed and ***sorted*** according to GMP   3. Sweet potato roots are washed in water by soaking, agitating and brushing to remove soil and foreign materials according to SOP   4. Sweet potato roots are rinsed according to SOPs   5. Sweet potato roots are de-watered according to SOPs   6. Sweet potato roots are peeled according to GMP and market demands   7. Sweet potato roots are sliced according to GMP   8. Sweet potato slices are sulphated/blanched according to GMP   9. Sweet potato slices are de-watered according to GMP |
| 1. Fry sweet potato slices | * 1. Sweet potato slices are deep-fried according to GMP and Kenya standards   2. Sweet potato crisps are de – oiled according to GMP   3. Sweet potato crisps are cooled according to GMP   4. Sweet potato crisps are inspected to eliminate off-coloured crisps according to quality control procedures |
| 1. Season sweet potato crisps | * 1. Sweet potato seasoning is prepared according to GMP   2. Sweet potato crisps are seasoned according to GMP |
| 1. Package sweet potato crisps | * 1. Sweet potato crisp is weighed according to GMP   2. Sweet potato crisp is filled into packaging materials according to GMP   3. Packaged sweet potato crisp is sealed according to GMP   4. Packaged sweet potato crisp is labelled and coded according labelling regulations   5. Packaged sweet potato crisp is transported/ stored as per Good handling practices and Good storage practices |
| 1. Implement pre-requisite programmes | * 1. Adhered to Good Manufacturing Practices as per CODEX principles   2. Adhered to Good Hygiene Practices as per CODEX principles |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **VARIABLE** | | **RANGE** |
| 1. Good hygiene and good manufacturing practices may include but are not limited to: | * Personal hygiene * Equipment cleaning and maintenance * Equipment storage * General plant hygiene * Water quality * Waste disposal | |
| 1. Sorted may include but are not limited to: | Roots are sorted according to:   * Not rotten * Not insect infested * Not pest damaged * Appropriate size * Flesh colour | |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Computer
* Maintenance
* Problem solving
* Observation
* Sample handling
* Use of tools and equipment
* Measuring
* Record keeping
* Basic first aid
* Teamwork
* Sensory
* Food handling
* Interpersonal
* Social
* Seasoning
* Numeracy

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Sweet potato products
* Sorting
* Cleaning techniques
* Size reduction techniques
* Food packaging and labelling
* GMP and SOP
* Food standards
* Equipment operation and maintenance

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Sourced sweet potato roots   2. Weighed and sorted sweet potato roots   3. Soaked sweet potato roots   4. Removed soil and other foreign materials from sweet potato roots   5. Rinsed sweet potato roots   6. De-watered sweet potato roots   7. Peeled sweet potato roots   8. Sliced sweet potato roots   9. Sulphated/blanched sweet potato slices   10. De-watered sweet potato slices   11. Fried sweet potato slices   12. Cooled sweet potato crisps   13. Prepared seasoning and seasoned sweet potato crisps   14. Weighed sweet potato crisps   15. Packaged sweet potato crisps   16. Sealed packets for sweet potato crisps   17. Labelled and coded packets for sweet potato crisps   18. Transported packaged sweet potato crisps to store   19. Stored sweet potato crisps |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources must be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace or appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 2. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   * 1. Oral   2. Written   3. Third party report   4. Observation |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed on the job, off the job or a combination of these. Off the job assessment must be undertaken in a closely simulated workplace environment. |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

# PRODUCE DRY SWEET POTATO CHIPS

**UNIT CODE:** AGR/OS/SPP/CR/04/3/A

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

This unit specifies the competencies required to produce dry sweet potato chips. It involves preparing sweet potato roots, drying sweet potato chips, packaging sweet potato chips and implementing pre-requisite programmes.

**ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| **ELEMENT**  These describe the **key outcomes** which make up workplace function (to be stated in active) | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**  These are **assessable statements** which specify the required level of performance for each of the elements (to be stated in passive voice)  ***Bold and italicized terms are elaborated in the Range*** |
| 1. Prepare sweet potato roots | * 1. Sweet potato roots are sourced as per work place procurement procedures   2. Sweet potato roots are weighed and ***sorted*** as per GMP   3. Sweet potato roots are washed in water, agitated and brushed to remove soil and other foreign materials according to SOPs   4. Sweet potato roots are rinsed according to SOPs   5. Sweet potato roots are de-watered according to SOPs   6. ***Size reduction*** of sweet potato roots is conducted according to GMP |
| 1. Dry sweet potato chips | * 1. Sweet potato chips are spread onto drying trays/beds according to GMP   2. Sweet potato chips are dried according to GMP and Kenya standards |
| 1. Package dried sweet potato chips | * 1. Dried sweet potato chips are weighed according to GMP   2. Dried sweet potato chips are filled into packaging materials according to GMP   3. Packed sweet potato chips are sealed according to GMP   4. Packed sweet potato chips are labelled and coded as per labelling regulations   5. Packed sweet potato chips are transported/stored as per Good handling practices (GHP) and Good storage practices (GSP) |
| 1. Implement pre-requisite programmes | * 1. Adhered to Good Manufacturing Practices as per CODEX principles   2. Adhered to Good Hygiene Practices as per CODEX principles |

**RANGE**

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

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| **VARIABLE** | **RANGE** |
| 1. Sorted may include but are not limited to: | Roots are sorted according to:   * Not rotten * Not insect infested * Not pest damaged * Appropriate size * Flesh colour * Not blemished |
| 1. Size reduction may include   but are not limited to: | * Slicing * Grating * Chopping |
| 1. Good hygiene and good manufacturing practices may include but are not limited to: | * Personal hygiene * Equipment cleaning and maintenance * Equipment storage * General plant hygiene * Water quality * Waste disposal |

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

**Required Skills**

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

* Communication
* Computer
* Maintenance
* Problem solving
* Observation
* Sample handling
* Use of tools and equipment
* Measuring
* Record keeping
* Basic first aid
* Teamwork
* Sensory
* Food handling
* Interpersonal
* Social
* Numeracy

**Required Knowledge**

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

* Sweet potato products
* Sorting
* Cleaning techniques
* Size reduction techniques
* Drying methods
* Food packaging and labelling
* GMP and SOP
* Food standards
* Equipment operation and maintenance

**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and range.

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| 1. Critical Aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate:   * 1. Sourced sweet potato roots   2. Weighed and sorted sweet potato roots   3. Soaked sweet potato roots   4. Removed soil and other foreign materials from sweet potato roots   5. Rinsed sweet potato roots   6. De-watered sweet potato roots   7. Chipped/grated sweet potato roots   8. Dried sweet potato chips   9. Weighed sweet potato chips   10. Packaged sweet potato chips   11. Sealed packets for sweet potato chips   12. Labelled and coded packets for sweet potato chips   13. Transported packaged sweet potato chips to store   14. Stored packaged sweet potato chips |
| 1. Resource Implications | The following resources must be provided:   1. Access to relevant workplace or appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place 2. Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 1. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through:   * 1. Oral   2. Written   3. Third party report   4. Observation |
| 1. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed on the job, off the job or a combination of these. Off the job assessment must be undertaken in a closely simulated workplace environment. |
| 1. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |