



# Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

## Factory Based Technologist

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**Classic graduate entry factory-based routine roles. Could be microbiologically centred. May require working in 'shift' patterns. Emphasis that are usually based in a single factory and do not include large amounts of cross-site or off-site work.**

Some advertised roles may be not graduate entry (so don't require a suitable degree qualification). Explore requirements & detail of each advertisement to find what suits you.



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### Typical Role Names

QA or Quality Technician

Food Safety Auditor

Technical Auditor

Other graduate roles with 'hygiene', 'intake', 'food safety' in titles

QA Technologist

Quality Auditor

There are standards for the technical content of UK Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable additional skills, knowledge and behaviours for 14 typical graduate roles & this is one of them.

**So, what is desirable for a Factory Based Technologist?**

### Desirable Elements for this Role

Adaptability

Confidence

Critical Thinking

Decision Making

Initiative

Leadership

Negotiation and Influencing

Planning and Organising

Questioning Approach

Reliability

Resourcefulness

Teamworking

Thoroughness and Attention to Detail

Working Under Pressure

*This material has been developed with industry involvement to support graduates, employers and degree educators. <https://www.ifst.org/resources/competencies-food-graduate-careers>*

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