



# Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

## Law and Regulatory Graduate Role

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The emphasis here is that the role will be mainly desk based, linking to UK, External or Government policy or law. It may be working with new or existing material to check food law, safety, quality, authenticity or consumer protection.

You could be employed in a government advisory/compliance body, accreditation/technical service company, retailer or a larger food manufacturing company.



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### Typical Role Names

Law and Regulation Officer  
Scientific Affairs Assistant/Officer  
Assistant Regulatory Affairs Officer

Regulatory Technologist  
Sustainability Policy

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 Law and Regulatory role?**

### Desirable Elements for this Role

Acceptance of Ambiguity  
Confidence  
Critical Thinking  
Passion for Subject  
Personal Responsibility  
Professionalism  
Questioning Approach

Reliability  
Resilience  
Teamworking  
Thoroughness and Attention to Detail  
Verbal Communication  
Working Under Pressure  
Written Communication

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