



Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

Retail Technologist

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This is opposed to any graduate scheme entry point. It may evolve into a number of areas of retail (technologist, nutrition, consumer, IT, ethics, 3rd party, category, writing) but traditionally direct entry is via a 'technologist' route.

This also includes roles in Food Service companies where the core business is supplying (not manufacturing) a range products to the hospitality sector; so the structure is similar.

Typical Role Names

Retail Technologist | Retail Food Technologist | Category Technologist
Food Service Product Technologist



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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.

Desirable Elements for this Role

Commercial Awareness
Confidence
Decision Making
Emotional Intelligence
Handling Data
Initiative
Innovation

Environment and Sustainability
Negotiating and Influencing
Professionalism
Questioning Approach
Resilience
Mechanics of Business
Values and Credibility

This material has been developed with industry involvement to support graduates, employers and degree educators.
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