Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package Version 5.0 |

| FBPOPR2039X | Operate a frying process |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to set up, operate, adjust and shut down a frying process.  This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and in a food processing environment. It typically applies to the production worker responsible for applying basic operating principles to the operation and monitoring of a frying process and associated equipment.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with State/Territory work health and safety, and food safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Operational (OPR) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare for work in frying processing area | 1.1 Confirm frying oil and product are available to meet processing requirements  1.2 Confirm equipment is clean and not locked out  1.3 Wear appropriate personal protective clothing and ensure correct fit |
| 2. Prepare the frying process for operation | 2.1 Fit and adjust machine components and related attachments to meet operating requirements  2.2 Enter processing and operating parameters as required to meet safety and production requirements  2.3 Carry out pre-start checks according to health and safety and operating procedures |
| 3. Operate and monitor the frying process | 3.1 Start, operate and monitor equipment to ensure optimal performance  3.2 Monitor the process to confirm that food safety and product specifications are met  3.3 Identify, adjust and report out-of-specification equipment, product or process outcomes according to workplace requirements  3.4 Follow and apply workplace housekeeping procedures and environmental requirements |
| 4. Shut down the frying process | 4.1 Identify the appropriate shutdown procedure  4.2 Shut down the process according to health and safety and operating procedures  4.3 Identify and report maintenance requirements according to workplace procedures  4.4 Maintain workplace records according to workplace procedures |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret workplace and standard operating procedures relevant to work task * Interpret production requirements |
| Writing | * Record processing data using electronic, digital and/or paper-based formats |
| Numeracy | * Monitor and interpret production and process control indicators and data, including temperature (°C), time, oil levels * Monitor supply and flow of materials to and from the process |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| FBPOPR2039X Operate a frying process | FBPOPR2039 Operate a frying process | Minor changes to Performance Criteria to clarify task  Foundation skills refined  Performance Evidence clarified  Minor changes to Knowledge Evidence to clarify requirements and Assessment Conditions | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for FBPOPR2039X Operate a frying process |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has operated a frying process on at least one occasion, including:   * applying safe work procedures * following food safety procedures * starting, operating, monitoring and adjusting the frying process and equipment to achieve required outcomes, including monitoring control points and conducting inspections as required to confirm process remains within specification, including: * product throughput/belt speeds * oil levels/temperatures * operation of oil filtration process * visual appearance of product, including breaking open to inspect * addressing routine processing issues. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * purpose and basic principles of frying, including optimal frying conditions and the role of oil filtration * basic operating principles of equipment used in the operation of a frying process, including: * main equipment components * the configuration of valves, pumps and pipework * status and purpose of guards * equipment operating capacities and applications * the purpose and location of sensors and related feedback instrumentation * the flow of the frying process and the effect of product output on downstream processes * quality characteristics to be achieved by the frying process * effect of product and oil quality characteristics on the frying process, final product and shelf-life * operating requirements and parameters, and corrective action required where operation is outside specified operating parameters * typical equipment faults and related causes, including signs and symptoms of faulty equipment and early warning signs of potential problems * methods used to monitor the frying process, including inspecting, measuring and testing * inspection or test points (control points) in the process and the related procedures and recording requirements * contamination/cross contamination and food safety risks associated with the frying process and related control measures * common causes of variation related to the frying process and corrective action required * health and safety hazards and controls, including the fire suppression system and procedures to follow if temperatures exceed the specified range * requirements of different shutdowns as appropriate to the process and workplace production requirements, including emergency and routine shutdowns, and procedures to follow in the event of a power outage * isolation, lock-out and tag-out procedures and responsibilities required for the operation of the frying process * procedures and responsibility for reporting production and performance information * environmental issues and controls relevant to the frying process, including procedures for recycling oil and for disposing of spent oil, and the consequences of incorrect disposal * basic operating principles of process control, including the relationship between control panels and systems and the physical equipment * cleaning and sanitation procedures required for frying equipment * recording procedures to ensure traceability of product. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * in-line frying equipment and related services * frying oil suited to product type and product to be fried * personal protective clothing and equipment * cleaning materials and equipment * specifications: * work procedures, including advice on safe work practices, food safety, quality and environmental requirements * information on equipment capacity and operating parameters * production schedule/batch specifications, control points and processing parameters * recording requirements.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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