

# FACTORY BASED TECHNOLOGIST

Classic graduate entry: QA Auditor, QA Technologist, Intake Technician, Food Safety/Hygiene Technologist. Factory based routine roles. Could be microbiologically centred. May require working in 'shift' patterns. Emphasis that all are based in a single factory and do not include large amounts of cross-site or off-site work (which would be the case for a supplier auditor).

## KEY FEATURES

### Typical Role Names (some may include 'shift' in title)

- QA or Quality Technician
- QA Technologist
- Food Safety Auditor
- Quality Auditor
- Technical Auditor
- Graduate roles including 'hygiene', 'intake', 'food safety'

### So What is Desirable for a Factory Based Technologist?

There are standards for the technical content of Food Sciences degrees; but there are more aspects you can develop to support success in the workplace. **14 typical graduate roles types** have been identified & this is one of them. Industry have outlined what they think may be the most valuable skills, knowledge and behaviours for this role. They are outlined in **8 themes** then more detail is provided on specific **elements**. Below is the profile for this role.

### Desirable Themes for this Role

D4	<b>Getting the Job Done and Tackling Problems</b>	Identifying and overcoming challenges to find solutions and reach your goals.
D7	<b>Dependability</b>	Harnessing your experiences and skills to establish trust in your ability to deliver.

### Desirable Elements for this Role

**Adaptability**  
**Critical Thinking**  
**Decision Making**  
**Initiative**  
**Leadership**  
**Negotiation and Influencing**  
**Planning and Organising**

**Questioning Approach**  
**Reliability**  
**Resourcefulness**  
**Teamworking**  
**Thoroughness & Attention to Detail**  
**Working Under Pressure**

## Competencies for Food Graduate Careers

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



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<https://www.ifst.org/knowledge-centre-other-knowledge/competencies-food-graduate-careers>

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