

# SPECIFICATIONS OR QUALITY SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIST

The role will be largely desk based and not in the factory. May work on specifications with specific customers or raw materials. Could be working on codes of practice or quality systems for the factory. The roles could be in food manufacturing sites, technical centres in food service or at a retailer.

## KEY FEATURES

### Typical Role Names

- Specifications Technologist
- Vendor Assurance Technologist
- Quality Systems Technologist
- Food Technologist
- Technical Officer

### So What is Desirable for a Specifications or Quality Systems 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

D3	<b>Data, Numbers and Communications</b>	The ability to embrace information of all types, then use it and disseminate to best advantage.
D7	<b>Dependability</b>	Harnessing your experiences and skills to establish trust in your ability to deliver.

### Desirable Elements for this Role

Application of IT  
Confidence  
Digital Capability  
English Proficiency  
Handling Data  
Negotiation and Influencing

Personal Responsibility  
Planning and Organising  
Reliability  
Thoroughness & Attention to Detail  
Values and Credibility  
Written Communication

## 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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