

JOB OF THE WEEK

What is it?

Development Chef– A Development Chef's role will typically include formulating new recipes, recommending new products, and liaising with colleagues in the commercial, production and technical fields.

Day to day tasks

- Creating new and improving existing recipes
- Liaising with suppliers
Recommending new products into viable products
- Identifying market niches and opportunities
- Liaising with other departments
- Conducting consumer testing and taste panels for proposed new products
- Presenting products to potential customers
- Ensuring potential new products can be manufactured profitably and meet food safety requirements
- Evaluating the success of new products in their markets
- Continuously researching the market and staying ahead of consumer trends

Qualifications

4/5 GCSEs – grades 9 – 4 including English and Maths.
A food/catering qualification would be required.

Salary

Starting salary for Development Chefs are typically between **£25,000 to £40,000**. Working hours 37 -39, Usually Monday - Friday

Jobs and labour market

Research and development managers		Chefs	
Weekly Pay	Annual Pay	Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£1,040	£54,080	£490	£25,480
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay	Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
37h	£28	39h	£13
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth	Replacement	Contraction	Replacement
4.2%	39.6%	-8.3%	68.3%

Above gives an indication of LMI regarding Chefs and Development Managers; use this link to compare different job roles in any employment:
[Explore LMI data – LMI For All](#)

Routes into the industry

You could go to college to study:

Level 1 Food Preparation and Cooking Certificate

NVQ Level 2 Professional Cookery NVQ Diploma If you

You can progress to **Level 3 Professional Cookery** which will allow you to access University level education.