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BARISTA ESSENTIALS

PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR CONFIDENT COFFEE SERVICE

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Chapter 1: Introduction to the Barista Role

What Is a Barista

A barista is a trained coffee professional who prepares and serves espresso based beverages. The role involves working safely, following food hygiene practices, communicating with customers, and delivering consistent quality during service.
Baristas play an important role in the customer experience and the reputation of the café.

The Barista's Responsibilities

A barista is responsible for:

- Preparing coffee beverages to workplace standards
- Operating coffee equipment safely
- Following food safety and hygiene requirements
- Maintaining a clean and organised workstation
- Communicating clearly with customers and team members
- Working efficiently during busy service periods

Professional behaviour is expected at all times.

Personal Presentation and Hygiene

Good personal presentation supports food safety and professionalism.

You should:

- Wear clean clothing and appropriate footwear
- Tie back long hair and keep nails clean and short
- Wash hands regularly and when required
- Avoid wearing jewellery that may contaminate food or equipment

Poor hygiene can affect customer safety and product quality.

Working Safely in a Café Environment

Cafés are fast paced environments with potential hazards.

You must:

- Be aware of hot surfaces, steam, and sharp equipment
- Use equipment according to workplace procedures
- Report hazards or equipment faults
- Work within your level of training

Safety protects both staff and customers.

Working as Part of a Team

Baristas work closely with others during service.
Effective teamwork includes clear communication, supporting others during busy periods, following workflow procedures, and maintaining a positive attitude. Teamwork improves speed, accuracy, and customer satisfaction.

Important Notice

This resource supports learning and assessment in café operations. It does not replace formal training or workplace procedures. Always follow workplace instructions and safety requirements.

Chapter 2: Mise en Place and Workstation Setup

What Is Mise en Place

Mise en place is a French term meaning everything in its place.
In a café environment, it refers to preparing and organising all equipment, ingredients, and tools before service begins.
Good mise en place allows baristas to work efficiently, safely, and consistently during busy service periods.

Why Mise en Place Is Important
Correct setup helps to:

- Maintain service speed and flow
- Reduce mistakes during coffee preparation
- Improve consistency and drink quality
- Support safety and hygiene standards

A well-prepared workstation supports professional service.

Items Included in a Barista Mise en Place
A barista mise en place may include:

- Espresso machine warmed and ready
- Coffee grinder filled and adjusted
- Fresh coffee beans stored correctly
- Milk jugs clean and chilled
- Cups, glasses, and saucers prepared
- Cleaning cloths available and clean

All items should be accessible and organised.

Workstation Readiness
Before service, baristas must:

- Check equipment is clean and operational
- Ensure milk and ingredients are correctly stored
- Confirm tools are within reach
- Follow workplace setup procedures

Preparation before service supports smooth operation.

Common Barista Equipment

Barista equipment may include:

- Espresso machine
- Coffee grinder
- Portafilter and filter baskets
- Tamper
- Milk jugs
- Thermometer
- Knock box

Equipment must be used according to workplace procedures.

Chapter 3: Coffee Basics, Beans, Grind, and Freshness

What Is Coffee

Coffee is made from roasted coffee beans, which come from the coffee plant. The way coffee tastes is influenced by the type of bean, how fresh it is, and how it is prepared.
Understanding the basics helps baristas produce consistent, quality coffee.

Common coffee roast levels include:

- Light roast
- Medium roast
- Medium dark roast
- Dark roast

Coffee Beans

The two most common coffee beans used in cafés are Arabica and Robusta.
Arabica beans generally produce a smoother, sweeter flavour, while Robusta beans are stronger and more bitter with higher caffeine. Most cafés use Arabica or a blend of both.

Grind Size and Extraction

Grind size plays a major role in how coffee extracts.
If the grind is too coarse, water flows too quickly and the coffee may taste weak or sour. If the grind is too fine, water flows too slowly and the coffee may taste bitter.
Correct grind size supports balanced extraction.

Coffee Bean Storage

Coffee beans should be stored:

- In an airtight container
- Away from heat, light, and moisture
- According to workplace procedures

Correct storage helps maintain freshness and flavour.

Dose and Consistency

Using the correct amount of coffee helps achieve a consistent espresso.
Baristas should follow workplace guidelines for dose and adjust the grind when required to maintain quality during service.
Consistency is key in café environments.

Decaffeinated Coffee

Decaffeinated coffee has most of the caffeine removed, but it is not completely caffeine free.
Small amounts of caffeine may still be present after the decaffeination process.

Key Message

Good coffee starts with quality beans, correct grind size, and freshness. Understanding these basics helps baristas produce consistent and enjoyable coffee.

Chapter 4: Espresso Machine Safety and Setup

What Is the Espresso Machine

An espresso machine is used to produce coffee by forcing hot water through finely ground coffee under pressure. Espresso machines operate at high temperatures and pressure and must be used correctly to ensure safety and quality.
Understanding safe operation protects both staff and customers.

Safety Around the Coffee Machine

You must:

- Be aware of hot surfaces and steam
- Keep hands clear of steam wands and group heads
- Use dry hands when operating controls
- Report leaks, faults, or damage immediately

Unsafe use can cause burns or injury.

Pre-Start Setup

Correct setup supports efficient service.

Before service begins, you should:

- Check the machine is clean and ready
- Ensure the machine is fully heated
- Check water supply and pressure
- Warm cups using the cup warmer or hot water
- Ensure portafilters are clean and dry

Proper setup improves consistency.

Preparing the Coffee Station

A clean and organised workstation supports safe and efficient service.

You should:

- Keep benches clean and clear
- Have milk, cups, and tools ready
- Position equipment to support workflow
- Follow workplace setup procedures

Good organisation reduces errors during busy periods.

During Service

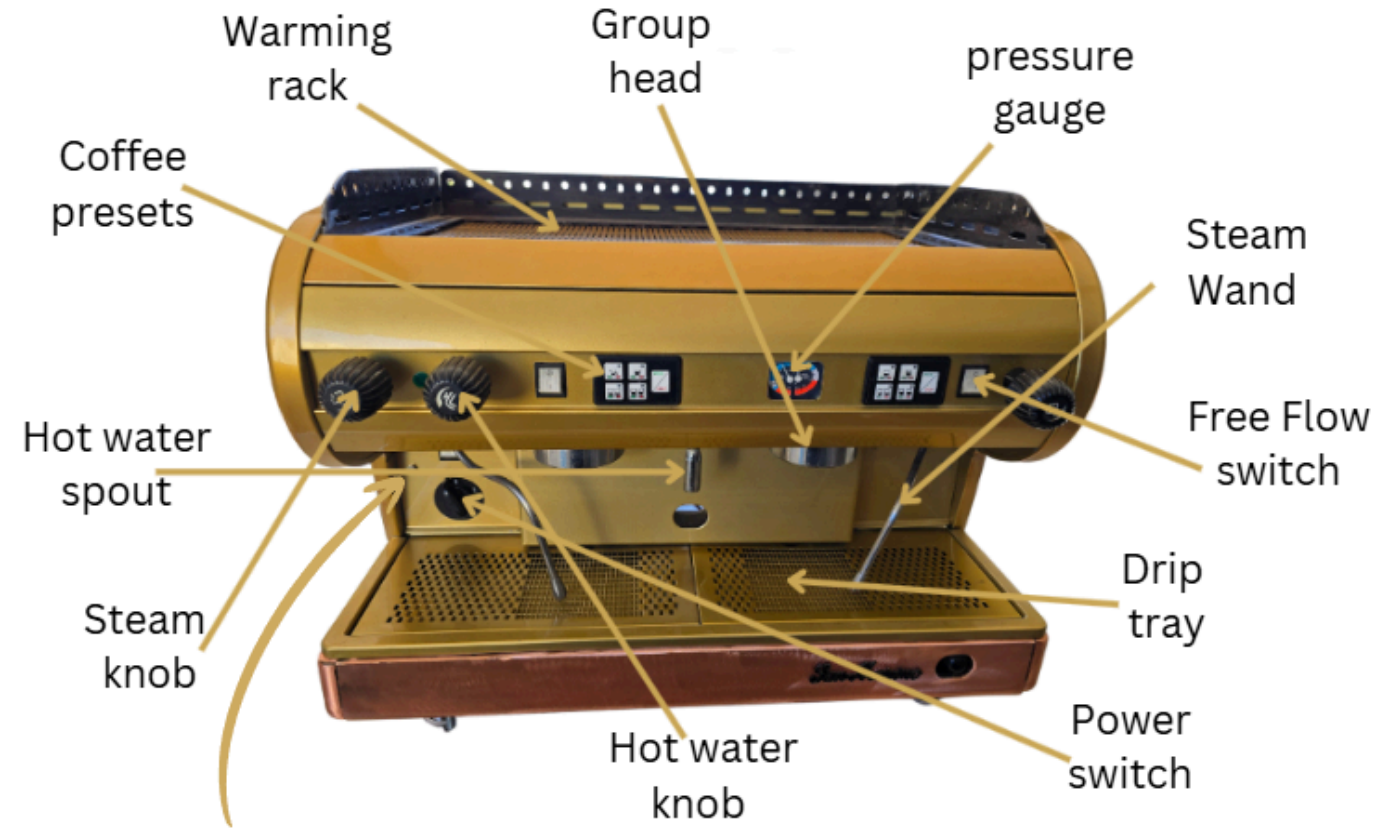
During service, baristas must work safely and efficiently.
This includes monitoring the machine, using correct techniques, and maintaining cleanliness throughout service.

Key Message

Safe operation and correct setup of the espresso machine support quality coffee, smooth workflow, and a safe café environment.

Espresso Machine Components

Understanding the main parts of the espresso machine is important for safe operation, correct setup, and consistent coffee quality. Knowing the function of each component supports correct use during service and helps identify faults or safety issues.



(please note its hard to see it in this picture your trainer will show you on the actual machine)

Portafilter sometimes called a group handle this goes into the group head

Chapter 5: Grinder Use and Adjustment

What Is the Coffee Grinder

A coffee grinder grinds whole coffee beans to the correct size for espresso extraction. Grind size has a direct impact on flavour, extraction time, and consistency.
Correct grinder use is essential for quality coffee.

Grind Size and Extraction

Grind size controls how quickly water flows through the coffee.
If the grind is too coarse, extraction is fast and coffee may taste weak or sour.
If the grind is too fine, extraction is slow and coffee may taste bitter.
Adjusting the grind helps achieve balanced extraction.

Using the Grinder

Grinders should be used according to workplace procedures.

You should:

- Ensure the grinder is clean and free of old grounds
- Grind coffee fresh for each order where possible
- Use the correct dose for the basket
- Distribute coffee evenly before tamping

Consistent use supports consistent results.

Adjusting the Grinder

Grinder adjustment may be required during service.

Adjustments should be made:

- When extraction time changes
- When coffee tastes weak or bitter
- When humidity or temperature changes
- When beans are changed

Small adjustments should be made gradually.

Grind Texture for Espresso

The correct grind for espresso should feel slightly gritty, similar to fine
It should not feel too coarse or overly fine and powdery.
Correct grind texture supports balanced extraction.

Grinder Safety and Hygiene

Grinders contain moving parts and electrical components.

You must:

- Keep hands clear of moving parts
- Use dry hands when operating controls
- Clean the grinder regularly
- Report faults or unusual noises

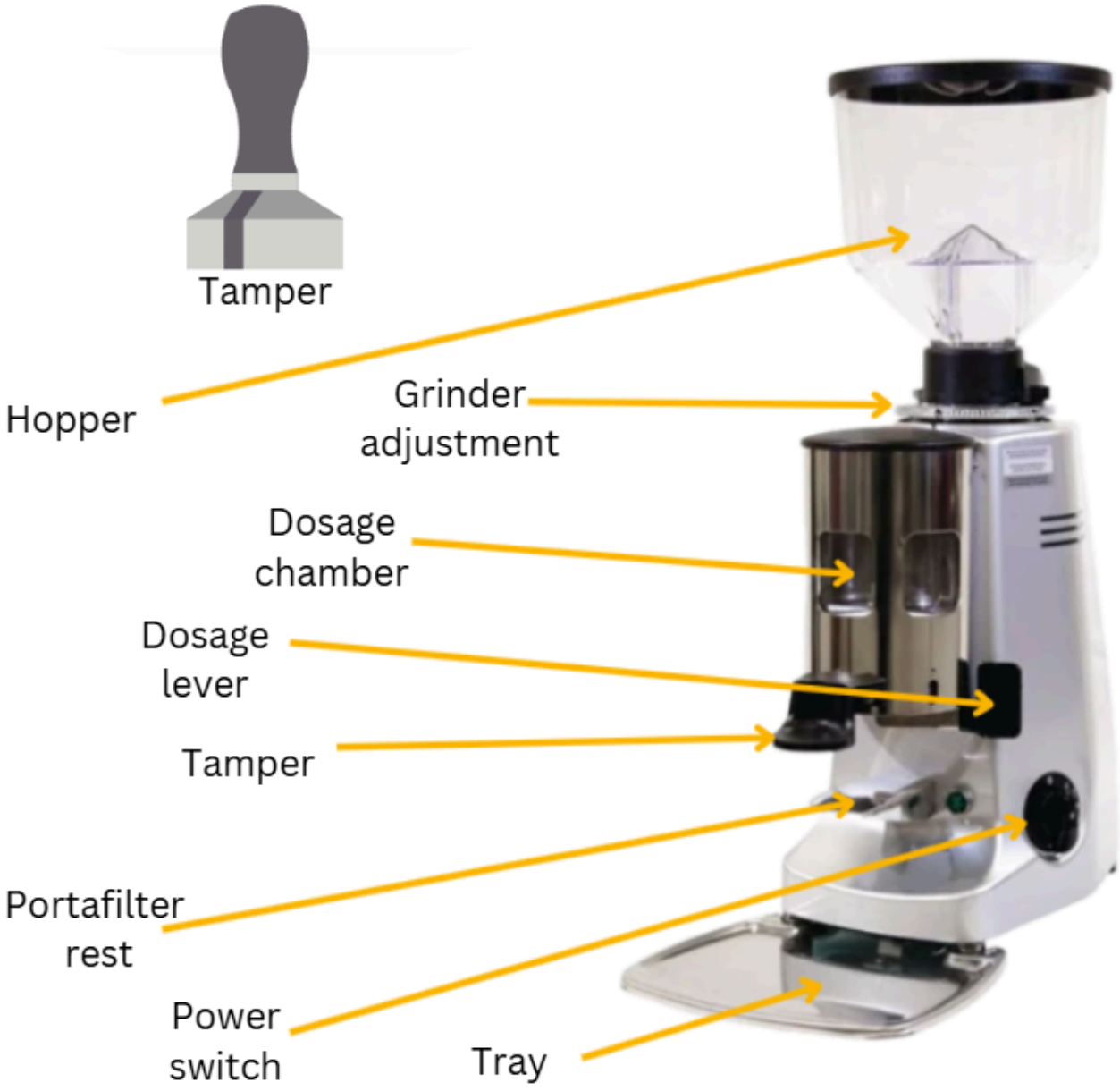
Safe operation protects staff and equipment.

Key Message

Correct grinder use and adjustment support consistent extraction, good flavour, and smooth café service.

Coffee Grinder Manual

This visual resource identifies the main components of a coffee grinder. Understanding these parts supports correct use, safe operation, cleaning, and assessment requirements during practical observation.



Grind on demand coffee grinder

Grinder features vary by model. Grind-on-demand grinders may not use a dosage lever and dispense coffee directly into the portafilter.

Follow workplace procedures for the equipment in use.

Chapter 6: Coffee Distribution and Tamping

What Is Distribution and Tamping

Distribution and tamping prepare the coffee grounds in the portafilter before extraction. Correct preparation allows water to pass evenly through the coffee, supporting balanced extraction and consistent flavour.
Poor distribution or tamping can cause uneven extraction**.**

Distribution Tools Used at Letizia's

At Letizia's, coffee grounds are prepared using a distribution process before tamping.
This includes:

- Needle distributor to break up clumps
- Leveler to evenly distribute coffee in the basket

Distribution helps create a flat, even coffee bed.

Tamping the Coffee

Tamping compresses the coffee grounds to create resistance for water during extraction. At Letizia's, a calibrated tamper is used to apply consistent pressure. This helps ensure repeatable results and reduces strain on baristas.
Consistent tamping supports consistent extraction.

Why Tamping Is Important

Correct tamping:

- Helps water flow evenly through the coffee
- Reduces channelling
- Supports balanced flavour
- Improves consistency during service

Tamping technique is as important as grind and dose.

Coffee Puck, Coffee Cake

A coffee puck, sometimes called a coffee cake, is the compressed bed of coffee grounds left in the portafilter after espresso extraction.
A firm, even puck can indicate correct dose, distribution, and tamping.

Grind Too Fine

If the grind is too fine, water flows too slowly through the coffee. This can cause over extraction, resulting in bitter flavour, slow pours, or blocked extraction, soggy puck, uneven tamping can contribute to wet pucks too.
Adjusting the grind coarser can help correct this issue.
After extraction, the coffee puck should be removed from the portafilter and disposed of in the knock box.


Chapter 7: Espresso Extraction, What Good Looks Like

What Is Espresso Extraction

Espresso extraction is the process of forcing hot water through finely ground coffee under pressure. Correct extraction balances flavour, aroma, and body in the cup.
Good extraction depends on grind size, dose, tamping, and time.

The Extraction Process

During extraction, water passes evenly through the coffee bed.
If water flows too quickly, the coffee may be under extracted and taste sour or weak. If water flows too slowly, the coffee may be over extracted and taste bitter.
Balanced flow produces the best result.

Signs of Good Extraction

A well extracted espresso usually has:

- A steady, even flow
- A rich aroma
- A layer of crema on top
- Balanced flavour without harsh bitterness or sourness

Consistency is the goal during service.

Crema

Crema is the golden brown layer of foam that forms on top of a freshly extracted espresso. It is created when hot water passes through coffee under pressure, releasing oils and gases.
Good crema is an indicator of correct extraction and fresh coffee.

Why Crema Is Important

Crema helps protect the aroma and flavour of espresso. It also indicates that the coffee has been extracted under the correct pressure and conditions.
Poor or thin crema may indicate incorrect grind size, stale coffee, or poor extraction.

Adjusting Extraction

Extraction may need adjustment during service.

Baristas should adjust extraction by:

- Changing the grind size
- Checking dose and distribution
- Reviewing tamping technique

Adjustments should be small and gradual.

As a general guide, a standard espresso extracts approximately 30 mL in around 25 to 30 seconds, depending on the coffee and equipment used.

a. under extracted
b. perfect extraction
c.over extraction

Chapter 8: Milk Types, Storage, and Food Safety

Milk Used in Cafés

Milk is a key ingredient in many espresso based drinks. Cafés may use full cream, reduced fat, skim, or plant based milk options.
Different milks behave differently when heated and textured. Baristas must follow workplace procedures for milk selection and use.

Common Milk Types Used in Cafés

- Full cream milk
- Reduced fat milk
- Skim milk
- Lactose free milk
- Soy milk
- Almond milk
- Oat milk

Milk Storage and Handling

Correct storage helps prevent contamination and spoilage.
Milk should:

- Be stored in the refrigerator at the correct temperature
- Be kept sealed when not in use
- Be returned to refrigeration immediately after use
- Be checked for use by dates
- Milk jugs should be clean and kept cold (often in the fridge)
- Cold jugs help milk foam and texture better

Poor storage can affect safety and quality.

Food Safety and Milk

Milk is a high risk food and must be handled carefully.
Baristas must:

- Use clean jugs for milk
- Avoid mixing old and new milk
- Discard leftover milk after use
- Clean and sanitise jugs between uses
- if you boil the milk , fresh jug and start again

Correct handling reduces the risk of foodborne illness.

Cross Contamination

Cross contamination can occur when milk comes into contact with unclean equipment or surfaces.
Good practice includes keeping work areas clean, using separate jugs where required, and following hygiene procedures.

Temperature Control

Milk should be kept cold before use and heated only when required.
Correct temperature control supports food safety and quality.

Chapter 9: Milk Texturing and Temperature Control

What Is Milk Texturing

Milk texturing is the process of heating and aerating milk to create foam for espresso based drinks. Correct texturing improves flavour, mouthfeel, and presentation.
Different drinks require different milk textures.

Using the Steam Wand

The steam wand is used to heat and texture milk.
Before and after use, the steam wand must be purged and wiped.
This removes water residue and prevents milk build up.
Correct use supports hygiene and safety.

Purging the Steam Wand

Purging the steam wand means releasing steam briefly before and after use. This removes water residue from the wand, helps prevent milk build up, and supports hygiene.
The steam wand must be wiped and purged after each use.

Texturing Milk Correctly

Milk texturing involves two stages, introducing air and heating the milk.

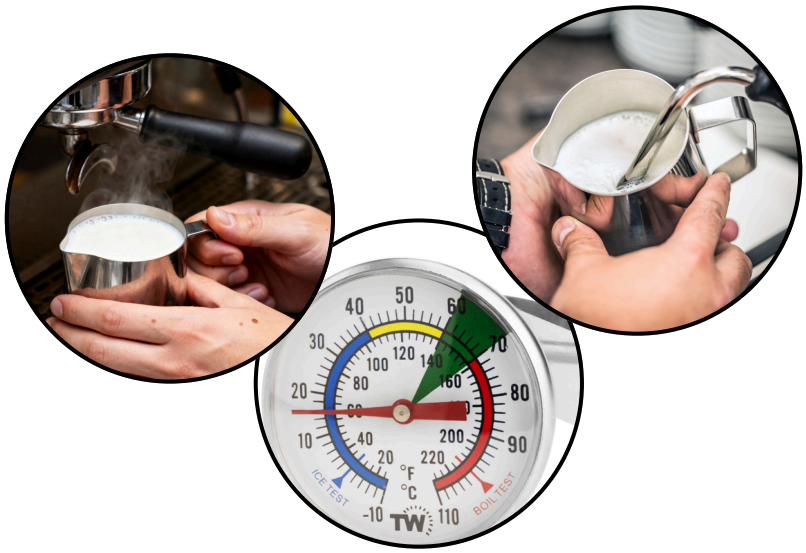
Baristas should:

- Start with cold milk in a clean jug
- Introduce a small amount of air at the start
- Heat milk evenly while creating a smooth texture this is microfoam
- Avoid large bubbles or overheated milk

Full cream milk is the standard milk used for coffee in cafés, as it produces the best flavour, texture, and microfoam when heated and textured.

Milk Temperature Control

Milk is typically heated to around 60–65°C, depending on workplace standards.
Overheating milk can affect flavour and texture, while underheating can reduce drink quality.
Baristas should follow workplace temperature guidelines and use thermometers where required.
Temperature control supports consistency.



Safety When Steaming Milk

Steam wands produce high heat.

Baristas must:

- Keep hands clear of steam
- Use correct jug handling techniques
- Avoid directing steam toward others
- Turn off steam before removing the jug

Safe practices prevent burns and injury.

Key Message

Correct milk texturing and temperature control improve drink quality, consistency, and safety during service.

Chapter 10: Espresso-Based Drinks

What Are Espresso-Based Drinks

Espresso-based drinks are made using espresso as the foundation. These drinks may be served with no milk or a small amount of milk or foam, depending on the beverage.
Understanding espresso-based drinks supports accurate preparation and service.

Common Espresso-Based Drinks

Common espresso-based drinks include:

- Short Black, Espresso
- Long Black
- Ristretto
- Short Macchiato
- Long Macchiato

Each drink has specific preparation requirements.

Preparing Espresso-Based Drinks

When preparing espresso-based drinks, baristas should:

- Use a correctly extracted espresso
- Select the correct cup or glass
- Follow workplace recipes and ratios
- Serve drinks promptly after extraction

Accuracy and timing are important for quality.

Water and Espresso Balance

Some espresso-based drinks use hot water.
Water should be added according to workplace procedures to avoid affecting crema or flavour. Correct order of water and espresso supports taste and presentation.

Consistency During Service

Consistency is essential during busy service periods.
Baristas should prepare each drink the same way every time, following café standards and recipes.

Key Message

Espresso-based drinks rely on correct extraction, accurate preparation, and consistency.
Following workplace recipes ensures quality and customer satisfaction.

Silky milk texture is at best at 60 – 65 deg C

be sure to use a thermometer

Single Shot Measurement

A traditional single shot of espresso uses approximately 7 grams of ground coffee. Many cafés use double shots as standard, following workplace procedures.

Espresso 30-35mls served in an espresso cup or glass

Macchiato Espresso shot 30-35mls a dash of hot or cold milk & dollop of foam served in an espresso cup or glass

Ritretto smaller more concentrated than espresso
15- 20mls Espresso served in an espresso cup or glass

Doppio (double shot)
Espresso 60-70mls served in an espresso cup or glass

Cappuccino
Espresso shot 30-35mls Esspresso
⅓ silky milk ⅓ foam and cocoa powder
served in a ceramic cup

Caffe Latte
Espresso shot 30-35mls
silky milk with a 1cm of foam
served in a Latte glass

Chapter 11: Milk-Based Drinks and Ratios

What Are Milk-Based Drinks

Milk-based drinks are espresso beverages made with textured milk. The balance between espresso, milk, and foam determines the type of drink and its presentation.
Understanding ratios helps baristas prepare drinks consistently.

Common Milk-Based Drinks

Common milk-based drinks include:

- Latte
- Flat White
- Cappuccino
- Piccolo Latte
- Mocha

Each drink has a specific milk and foam ratio.

Drink Ratios and Consistency

Drink ratios affect taste, texture, and appearance.
Baristas should:

- Follow workplace recipes and standards
- Use the correct cup or glass size
- Maintain consistent milk texture
- Pour milk accurately

Consistency is essential during busy service periods.

Milk Texture Differences

Different drinks require different milk textures.
Some drinks require minimal foam, while others require more aeration. Baristas must adjust milk texturing to suit the drink being prepared.
Correct texture supports drink quality.

Serving Milk-Based Drinks

Milk-based drinks should be served promptly after preparation.
Serving drinks immediately helps maintain temperature, texture, and presentation.

Key Message

Milk-based drinks rely on correct ratios, milk texture, and consistency. Following workplace standards ensures quality and customer satisfaction.

Silky milk texture is at best at 60 - 65 deg C

be sure to use a thermometer

Piccolo Latte (a smaller version of a latte)
espresso 15-20mls
served in a piccolo latte glass

Flat White Espresso shot 30-35mls with silky milk & minimun foam served in an espresso cup

Long black double espresso shot 60-70mls
over 1cm of hot water served in a ceramic cup

Mocha espresso shot 30-35mls 1 tsp hot chocolate served in the style of a cappuccino in a ceramic cup, glass or liqueur coffee glass

Strength Preferences

When a customer requests a strong or extra strong coffee:
You may offer:

- **A double shot** (using 18–20 g of coffee)
  but extract only 30–35 mL, or
- **A ristretto**, which uses the same amount of coffee (18–20 g) but extracts
- only 15–20 mL for a richer, more intense flavour.

When a customer requests a weak coffee:
Use a single shot, but extract only half the amount around 15–20 mL instead of the full shot.
Then, make the coffee as you normally would.

Chapter 12: Glassware, Cups, and Presentation

Why Glassware and Cups Matter

Using the correct cup or glass supports drink quality, temperature, and presentation.
Serviceware helps customers recognise their drink and reflects café professionalism.
Presentation influences customer perception.

Selecting the Correct Cup or Glass

Different drinks require different serviceware.

Baristas should:

- Select the correct cup or glass for each drink
- Ensure cups and glasses are clean and undamaged
- Warm cups where required
- Follow workplace service standards

Correct selection supports consistency.

Presentation Standards

Good presentation is neat and consistent.

Baristas should:

- Serve drinks without spills or marks
- Place cups correctly on saucers or trays
- Use handles appropriately
- Serve drinks promptly after preparation

Attention to detail matters.

Hygiene and Safety

Glassware must be handled hygienically.

You must:

- Avoid touching rims where customers drink
- Handle cups by handles or bases
- Remove cracked or chipped serviceware from use

Hygiene protects customers.

Consistency During Service

Consistent presentation builds trust.
Following workplace standards ensures drinks look the same during every service period.

Key Message

Correct glassware, clean cups, and neat presentation support quality, hygiene, and customer satisfaction.

Chapter 13: Taking Orders and Café Workflow

Taking Customer Orders

Taking orders accurately is essential in a café environment. Baristas must listen carefully, confirm details, and communicate clearly to avoid mistakes.
Clear order taking supports speed and customer satisfaction.

Order Accuracy

When taking orders, baristas should:

- Confirm the drink type and size
- Check milk choice and any modifications
- Clarify strength or extra shot requests if required
- Repeat the order where necessary

Accurate orders reduce waste and delays.

Café Workflow

Workflow refers to the order in which tasks are completed during service.

Good workflow helps baristas:

- Work efficiently during busy periods
- Reduce congestion at the coffee station
- Maintain consistency and quality
- Support teamwork

Following workplace workflow procedures is important.

Communication During Service

Clear communication supports smooth service.

Baristas should communicate:

- Orders to team members
- Changes or special requests
- When assistance is needed during busy periods

Good communication improves teamwork.

Managing Busy Service Periods

During peak times, baristas must stay organised and focused.
Staying calm, following workflow, and supporting team members helps maintain service standards.

Key Message

Accurate order taking and efficient workflow support consistent service, teamwork, and customer satisfaction.

Chapter 14: Cleaning During Service

Why Cleaning During Service Is Important

Cleaning during service helps maintain food safety, drink quality, and a safe working environment. Ongoing cleaning prevents contamination and supports efficient workflow. Clean as you go is best practice.

Steam Wand Cleaning

The steam wand must be cleaned after each use.

Baristas must:

- Wipe the steam wand with a clean cloth
- Purge the steam wand to remove milk residue
- Avoid allowing milk to dry on the wand

This supports hygiene and correct milk texturing.

Bench and Equipment Cleaning

Work surfaces must be kept clean during service.

Baristas should:

- Wipe benches regularly
- Remove spills immediately
- Keep tools clean and organised
- Replace dirty cloths when required

A clean workspace supports safety and efficiency.

Handling Used Equipment

Used equipment should be cleared promptly.

This includes:

- Removing used cups and jugs
- Emptying knock boxes as required
- Keeping the coffee station organised

Good organisation supports workflow.

Hygiene and Safety

Cleaning during service reduces the risk of contamination and injury.
Following workplace hygiene procedures protects staff and customers.

Key Message

Cleaning during service is ongoing. Wiping, purging, and keeping the workstation clean supports food safety and smooth café operation.

Chapter 15: End of Service and End of Day Procedures

Why End of Service Cleaning Is Important

End of service and end of day cleaning helps maintain coffee quality, food safety, and equipment performance. Correct cleaning prevents build up, contamination, and damage to equipment.

Baristas must be trained and shown how to backflush an espresso machine correctly, as incorrect use of cleaning chemicals or hot water can cause injury.

Backflushing the Espresso Machine

Backflushing cleans coffee oils and residue from the group head.

Backflushing is important because:

- Coffee oils build up during service
- Old oils can cause bitter or rancid flavours
- Clean equipment supports consistent extraction

Backflushing is completed at the end of service, not during active service.

Why Coffee Can Taste Bitter or Rancid

Coffee may taste bitter or rancid when:

- Old coffee oils build up in the machine
- Equipment is not cleaned correctly
- Coffee beans are stale
- Extraction is incorrect

Regular cleaning helps maintain flavour and quality.

Cleaning an Espresso Machine

End of service cleaning may include:

- Backflushing the group head
- Cleaning portafilters and baskets
- Wiping and purging the steam wand
- Cleaning drip trays and surfaces
- Emptying and cleaning the knock box

All cleaning must follow workplace procedures.

Maintenance and Fault Reporting

Equipment faults or maintenance issues must be reported promptly.

Baristas should report issues to:

- A supervisor or manager
- The workplace maintenance contact

Faulty equipment should not be used until repaired.

Safety Data Sheets, MSDS

Safety Data Sheets,provide information about cleaning chemicals used in the workplace.

MSDS include:

- Safe handling instructions
- Health and safety information
- First aid measures
- Emergency procedures

MSDS must be followed when using cleaning products.

Chapter 16: Common Barista Errors and Troubleshooting

Why Troubleshooting Is Important

Barista errors can affect drink quality, service speed, and customer satisfaction. Recognising common issues allows baristas to make quick adjustments and maintain consistency during service.
Problem solving is part of the barista role.

Common Coffee Errors

Common coffee related errors may include:

- Coffee tasting sour or weak
- Coffee tasting bitter
- Uneven or slow extraction
- Poor crema

These issues are often linked to grind size, dose, tamping, or extraction time.

Milk Texturing Issues

Milk issues may include:

- Large bubbles or dry foam
- Milk too hot or too cold
- Flat or watery texture

Correct jug temperature, steam wand position, and technique help prevent these problems.

Equipment and Workflow Issues

Service issues may occur when:

- Equipment is not cleaned correctly
- Grinder or machine settings change
- Workflow becomes disorganised during busy periods

Staying organised and monitoring equipment helps reduce errors.

Correcting Errors

When an error occurs, baristas should:

- Identify the cause
- Make small adjustments
- Follow workplace procedures
- Ask for support if required

Learning from mistakes improves confidence and consistency.

Key Message

Mistakes can happen during service. Recognising common errors and making small adjustments helps baristas maintain quality and confidence.

Every mistake is feedback. Adjust, breathe, and pour the next one better.

Chapter 17: Barista Consistency and Confidence on the Machine

Why Consistency Matters

Consistency means producing the same quality drink every time. In a café environment, customers expect their coffee to taste and look the same, regardless of how busy service becomes.
Consistency builds trust and professionalism.

Building Confidence on the Machine

Confidence develops through correct technique, repetition, and awareness.
Baristas build confidence by:

- Following workplace procedures
- Using the same preparation steps each time
- Paying attention to extraction, milk texture, and presentation
- Staying calm during busy service periods

Confidence grows with practice.

Maintaining Quality During Service

Busy periods can affect focus and workflow.
To maintain quality, baristas should:

- Work methodically
- Keep the workstation clean and organised
- Monitor equipment and adjust when required
- Communicate clearly with team members

Staying organised supports consistency.

Learning Through Practice

Every service period is a learning opportunity.
Mistakes should be used to improve technique and understanding. Asking questions and seeking feedback supports growth and confidence.

Professional Attitude

A positive and professional attitude supports both confidence and teamwork.
Baristas who remain calm, focused, and willing to learn are better prepared to handle pressure and deliver quality service.

Key Message

Consistency and confidence come from preparation, practice, and attention to detail.
Trust the process, follow procedures, and focus on delivering quality coffee every time.
For additional learning and demonstration videos, visit the Resources Tab and scroll down to Learning Hub at www.letizias.com.au.

Confidence isn't rushing.
It's knowing your process and trusting it under pressure.

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