**Kitchen Porter duties and responsibilities**

Kitchen Porters can be found working anywhere that food is prepared on a large scale. Most commonly in restaurants, but also in school cafeterias, hospital kitchens and hotels. Their main duties and responsibilities include:

* Cleaning and sterilising countertops, kitchen walls, stoves, ovens, grills and sinks
* Cleaning the entire kitchen once it is closed to ensure it is ready for the next day
* Maintaining the food storage areas like freezers and refrigerators
* Receiving deliveries and organising them in the kitchen
* Washing dirty dishes like cutlery, pots, cutting boards and pans or loading dishes into the dishwasher
* Removing kitchen waste from waste containers and disposing of them properly
* Cleaning and maintaining cooking equipment like cookers, pots and food mixers
* Supporting the Chef in basic food preparation like cutting ingredients, peeling and washing food items
* Providing assistance to Prep Cooks and other kitchen staff, as needed

**What does a Kitchen Porter do?**

Kitchen Porters typically work in an industrial or commercial kitchen as a support person. They are not usually involved in the actual preparation of food, but keep things organised and clean so that Food Prep Assistants and Chefs can perform their duties efficiently. Kitchen Porters are often considered as one of the lowest ranking members of the kitchen staff, but their job is nonetheless crucial. Without someone on hand to keep things running smoothly, other kitchen staff could easily fall behind.

**Kitchen Porter skills and qualifications**

A successful Kitchen Porter candidate will have various prerequisite skills and qualifications to perform their duties effectively, these include:

* Ability to communicate with the Kitchen Managers, Cooks and customers
* Thorough attention to detail, excellent time management and critical thinking skills
* In-depth knowledge of kitchen safety and health regulations
* Excellent stamina to work long hours
* Excellent stress management skills
* Ability to work under pressure
* Teamwork skills to collaborate with colleagues
* Ability to follow all instructions given