

WORKING TO BE A

Fast Food Cook

**What type of education is needed to be a fast food cook?**

- High school diploma or equivalent is preferred
- Most of the job can be learned through on the job training

What licenses or certifications are needed to be a fast food cook?

- None required

What is the work environment like for a fast food cook?

- Indoors, the kitchen area may be very warm and needs to be kept clean and sanitary
- Requires using a number of appliances and implements such as knives
- Can be hazardous but using the correct safety precautions can reduce chances of accidents
- Can require long periods of time standing, bending, and lifting
- May be full time or part time

What does a fast food cook do?

- Prepares food following specific methods usually with a very short time needed for preparation
- Read food order or listen to order given and prepare food according to instructions
- May need to prepare dough
- Measures ingredients needed for the dish
- Slice needed ingredients if necessary
- Prepare and possibly serve beverages
- May serve customers
- Generally uses knives and work with very hot surfaces and materials

What is the normal pay range for a fast food cook?

- \$5.64—\$9.52 per hour

How can a fast food cook grow in their field?

- Can become a supervisor
- Through training and experience, can move into a career as a chef

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