

WORKING TO BE A

Short Order Cook

**What type of education is needed to be a short order cook?**

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

What licenses or certifications are needed to be a short order cook?

- None required

What is the work environment like for a short order cook?

- Indoors, the kitchen area may be very warm
- Can be hazardous from grease and spills but using the correct safety precautions can reduce chances of accidents
- Requires long periods of standing, bending, and lifting
- May be full time or part time

What does a short order cook do?

- Takes customer orders and prepare the food that requires little preparation and cooking time
- Prepares food as ordered including special needs and requests
- Completes the order and may serve the customers
- Cleans work area and may also clean the serving areas
- May calculate bill, take payments, and make change as needed

What is the normal pay rate for a short order cook?

- \$5.95–\$11.18 per hour

How can a short order cook grow in their field?

- Can become a supervisor
- Can, through training and experience, move into a related career in food service

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