



1.1 Sectors of the Food Service Industry The Food Service Industry

- The international food service industry provides millions of meals a day in a wide variety of types of food service operations
- There are different industrial sectors within the foodservice industry, categorized according to the type of customer demand being met.







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- This categorization identifies the nature of demand being met within each sector; and the major purpose of the foodservice operations within them

The identification also provides a framework for studying the food and

beverage service industry

Industry sectors are many, including:

- ☐ Hotels, Independent and Chain Restaurants;
- Popular catering, Pubs and Wine bars;
- Fast food, Leisure attractions and Banqueting









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- Other industry sectors are those where food and beverages are provided as part of another business. This includes:
 - □ Transport catering;
 - ☐ Welfare, Clubs, Education;
 - Industrial feeding and Armed forces



- Some sectors provide food and beverages for profit, whereas others work within the limitations of a given budget (cost provision)
- Additionally, some sectors provide services to the general public while others provide to restricted groups of people.

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- The different types of markets are defined as:
 - General Market
 - Non-captive customers have a full choice
 - □ Restricted Market
 - Captive customers have no choice, e.g. Clubs
 - Semi-captive customers have a choice before entering, e.g. marine, airline, trains, some hotels and some leisure activities.
 Once in, customers have little choice of food and drink, except what is offered
- Based on the above definitions, sectors of the foodservice industry can be summarised as below:

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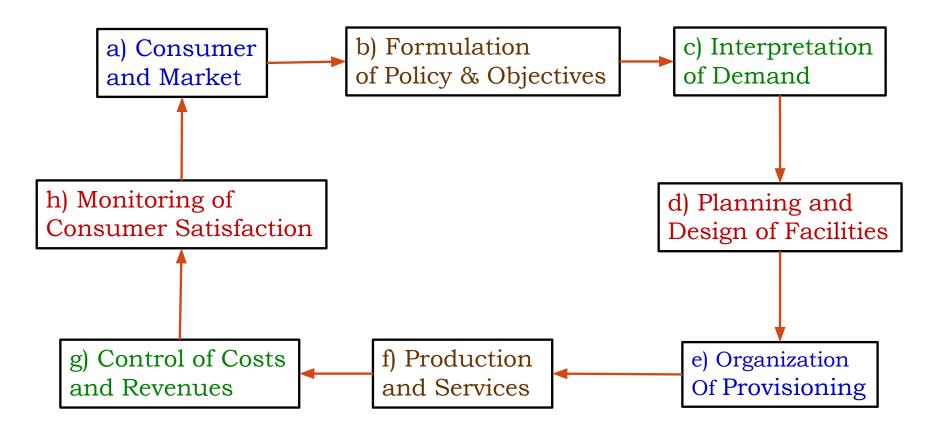
Summary of Sectors in the Foodservice Industry:

Profit-Oriented (Public or Private Ownership) (Foodservice as main or secondary activity)		Cost Provision
Restricted Market:	General Market:	Restricted Market:
 Transport Catering Clubs Industrial (Contract) 	 Hotels/restaurants Popular Catering Fast-food/take away Retail stores Events/Conferences Exhibitions Leisure attractions Motorway stations Pubs and Wine bars Off-premises catering 	 Institutional catering Schools Universities & colleges Hospitals Armed forces Prisons Industrial (in-house)



1.2Food and Beverage Service Operations

The Foodservice Cycle





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- Food and beverage (foodservice) operations in the hospitality industry are concerned with provision of food and drink ready for immediate consumption. Operations are concerned with:
 - b) The **consumer needs and market potential** in various sectors of the foodservice industry
 - c) The **formulation of policy and business objectives** that will guide the choice of operational methods to be used
 - d) The **interpretation of demand** in order to decide on the range and type of food and beverages to be provided; service levels and prices to be charged



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- Foodservice operations are concerned with:
 - e) The **planning and design of facilities** required for food and beverage operations and the plant and equipment required
 - The **organization of provisioning** for food and beverages and other purchasing requirements to meet needs of food production, beverage provision and service methods in use
 - g) Knowledge of operational requirements for **food production**, **beverage provision and service processes and methods**







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- Foodservice operations are concerned with:
 - n) **Control of costs** (materials, other costs) associated with food production, beverage provision and other services; and control of revenue
 - The **monitoring of customer satisfaction** to continually review the extent to which the operation is meeting customer needs and achieving customer satisfaction

The elements in the above sequence form what is can be referred to as the

Foodservice Cycle



1.2Food and Beverage Service Operations Importance of the Foodservice Cycle:

- The Foodservice Cycle summarises what food and beverage operations are concerned with
- It can be used as a basis for analysing and comparing how different foodservice operations work
- It provides a standard template or checklist for collecting and organizing information about a specific operation in a specific way





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Importance of the Foodservice Cycle:

- It is a dynamic model in the sense that difficulties in one element of the cycle will cause difficulties in the elements of the cycle that follow or precede
- For example, problems in purchasing will negatively affect food production and service, and control
- Similarly, difficulties experienced in food and beverage service are often the result of poor purchasing, inadequate stock control, equipment shortages, poor room layouts or staffing problems





1.3 Types of Foodservice Operations

- Food and beverage (foodservice) operations include:
 - ✓ Various types of restaurants (bistros, brasseries, coffee-shops, first class/fine dining, ethnic, themed);
 - Cafes, cafeterias, takeaways, canteens, function rooms, tray service and lounge service operations, home delivery operations and room service operations for hotel guests.

These are summarized in the table that follows:





Type of Operation	Description
Bistro	 A small establishment, with traditional tables and chairs Cluttered décor and friendly informal staff Tends to offer honest, basic and robust cooking
Brasserie	 Generally a fairly large, styled room with a long bar, normally serving one-plate items rather than normal meals (though some offer both) Often it is possible just to have a drink, coffee or snack Service provided by servers, often in traditional style of long aprons and black waistcoats
New Wave Brasserie (Gastrodome)	 Sleek modern interior design, coupled with similar approaches to contemporary cuisine and service Busy and bustling and often large and multi-levelled

Type of Operation	Description
Coffee Shop	 Similar to brasserie style operations, often themed May be open all day and serve all meal types from breakfast through to supper
First Class Restaurant	 Usually formal fine dining restaurants with classical preparation and presentation of food; and offers a high level of table (silver, gueridon and/or plated) service Often associated with classic/haute cuisine
Restaurant	 Term used to cover a wide variety of operations Price, level and type of service, décor, styles, cuisines and degree of choice varies enormously across the range of types of operation Service ranges from full table service to assisted service such as carvery-style operations

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International Restaurant	 Indian, oriental, Asian, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Creole, and Cajun are some of the many types of cuisine available with establishments tending to reflect specific ethnic origins Many of the standard dishes are now appearing within a range of other menu types
Themed Restaurant	 Often international in orientation, for example, Icelandic Hot Rock, or "Beni-hana" oriental theme where food is prepared and cooked at the table Also includes themes such as jungle, rainforest, or music/opera where waiting staff perform and serve

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International Destination Restaurant	 Often Michellin-starred fine dining restaurants, offering a distinctive personality, cuisine, ambience, beverages and service Usually table service at various levels, but mostly personal and highly attentive Generally considered as the home of gastronomy; expensive but also full of value
Health Food & Vegetarian Restaurant	 Increasing specialization of operations into vegetarianism and /or health foods (though vegetarian food is not necessarily healthy), to meet lifestyle needs as well as dietary requirements

Type of Operation	Description
Cafeteria	 Primarily self-service with the customer making selection from a counter or counters in varying designs and layouts Originally developed for the industrial feeding market, but now seen ion a variety of sectors
Popular Catering & Fast Food Outlets	 Developed from table service teashops and cafes through to steakhouses, and now incorporating snack bars, kiosks, diners, takeaways and cafeterias. Offers modern-day burger, chicken and fish concepts with ethnic foods being incorporated Meets the needs of all-day meal taking (grazing) and 'grab and go' service, esp. for leisure, industrial and travelling markets

Type of Operation	Description
Pubs and Bars	 Licensed environment primarily for drinking alcoholic beverages May be simply a serving bar with standing room for customers or may have more plush surroundings incorporating the offer of a variety of foods These can range from simple plated dishes to the establishment offering full restaurant service (sometimes called Gastro pubs)
Wine Bars	 Often a mixture of bar and brasserie-style operation; Commonly wine-themed, serving a variety of foods

