



Prepare Food

# Baker

## What do bakers do?

Bakers work in bakeries, restaurants, hotels, hospitals and other places.

They make breads, cakes, cookies, pies and other baked goods.

## Meet a baker

Maria is a baker.  
She works in a bakery.

Here are things that Maria does:

- She follows recipes. She weighs, measures and mixes **ingredients**.
- She makes dough for bread, cookies and pies. She makes batter for cakes.
- She uses kitchen appliances. For example, a mixer.
- She uses large ovens.
- She **decorates** cakes and cookies.
- She washes bowls, pans and cutlery.
- She makes lists. She orders flour, sugar and other ingredients.

### tip

Do you see words in **bold**?  
You can look up these words at  
[alis.alberta.ca/ERdictionary](http://alis.alberta.ca/ERdictionary).





## What is Maria's work like?

Maria works an 8-hour **shift**. She usually goes to work at 5 a.m. She works 5 days a week. Sometimes she works on weekends and holidays. Some bakers at the bakery work night shifts.

Maria works in a clean kitchen. She wears a uniform and a hairnet.

Maria has to lift containers. For example, she lifts containers of flour and sugar. These things can weigh up to 20 kilograms (about 45 pounds).

Maria has to be careful. She uses sharp knives and hot ovens.

## Do you want to be a baker?

- You need to be healthy and strong.
- You need to work well with your hands.
- You must be clean.
- It helps if you are creative. For example, Maria decorates cakes with flowers and writing.

## What education do bakers need?

- Some people take baking courses. They may get a **certificate** or diploma in baking.
- Bakers can take an **apprenticeship**. They learn on the job and take courses at a **post-secondary school**. After 3 years, they can become a **journeyperson** baker.

You can ask your **career advisor** or tutor about being a baker. You can ask about training, too.





## What can bakers do in the future?

Bakers can work in many places. For example, bakeries, donut shops, large grocery stores, hospitals, hotels and colleges.

Some bakers may become **supervisors** in large kitchens. Some bakers start their own business. For example, some bakers become **caterers**. Some bakers bake one kind of thing. For example, pastries or cakes.

Bakers can teach baking or cake decorating. They can be salespersons for baking supply companies. These

companies sell all kinds of baking **supplies**. For example, cake decorations or colours for icing.



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### How much does a baker make?

A baker usually makes between \$15.00 and \$20.59 per hour.

## Other jobs to think about

**Cooks** prepare food. They work in restaurants, hotels, hospitals, schools and other places. They make many different foods. They follow recipes or make their own recipes.

**Kitchen helpers** work in restaurants, hospitals, schools and other places. They keep kitchens clean. They prepare food. For example, they cut vegetables and slice meats for the cooks.

## Do you want more information?

You can find the information below at [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo). Or you can ask your career advisor or tutor.

- [OCCinfo profile: Baker](#)
- [Video: Cook](#)
- [Easy Reading Dictionary](#)

You can also ask your career advisor or tutor about other jobs that are like Baker.

