

Unit 308 Handout 2

Unit 308: Produce and present advanced main course dishes using standardised recipes

Handout 2: Cooking temperatures for meat

Beef			
Doneness	Cooking Temperature		Description
Blue	30 – 39°c		Caramelize outside, blood red inside
Rare	40 – 47°C		Blood red in the centre
Medium rare	48 – 56°C		Narrow blood red in the centre
Medium	57 – 63°C		Pink line in the centre
Medium well	64 – 69°C		Brown on the outside with a slight hint of pink
Well done	70+°C		Brown and no signs of blood
Lamb			
Doneness	Cooking Temperature		Description
Rare	50 – 55°C		Very red with running juices
Medium	55 – 60°C		Light red with warm juices
Medium well	60 – 65°C		Slightly red with juices
Well done	65 – 70°C		Brown with hot juices
Pork			
Cooking Temperature		Description	
63°C		Just white, no signs of blood	
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72°C		Just white, no signs of blood	