Healthy Eating Level 3



54.8% of adults eat **5 or more** portions of fruit and vegetables a day.





On average, obesity deprives an individual of an extra 9 years of life.





Healthy Eating can reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke and some cancers.



is important, but employers are able to make positive changes to the **workplace environment** that can help employees make healthier choices.



Individuals consume a **third** of their daily calories at work, highlighting the potential for businesses to have a significantly postive impact on the diet and weight of their employees.



The cost of an **unhealthy workforce** to the UK taxpayer has been estimated at over **£60m pounds per year.**

64% of adults are either **overweight or obese.**



obesity can also affect the productivity of a workplace; if someone is obese, their health will generally be poorer, and they will be more likely to suffer from issues such as back problems or sleep apnoea.



	Healthy Eating Level 3: Criteria	Local/National Resources:
	Provide employees with facilities/ schemes enabling them to eat healthily and achieve/ maintain a healthy weight.	BITC physical activity, healthy eating and healthier weight toolkit
	Guidance:	
	 Consider ways that you can invest in facilities or schemes to support healthy eating in the workplace and beyond. 	Gov.UK weight management service guidance
	 Examples of facilities/ schemes include providing free fruit, cooking and healthy eating courses/ programmes/ seminars, subsidised healthy options, allotments and growing schemes etc. 	
	 Consider the introduction of an evidence-based workplace weight management programme following best practice guidance. An alternative option could be to promote external services and opportunities available. 	
	Develop and implement a healthy eating action plan with ongoing employee engagement, supported by senior leaders.	
	This plan should:	
	Outline the healthy eating activities, events, initiatives, campaigns	
	 Ensure initiatives/ activities/ changes to food provision are monitored and evaluated to demonstrate impact and inform and shape further developments 	
	 Provide evidence of employee engagement including regular employee surveys/ feedback mechanisms and evidence of how survey recommendations are progressed 	
	Be reviewed regularly including food policies	
	Guidance:	
	 The action plan could be part of a wider health and wellbeing plan 	