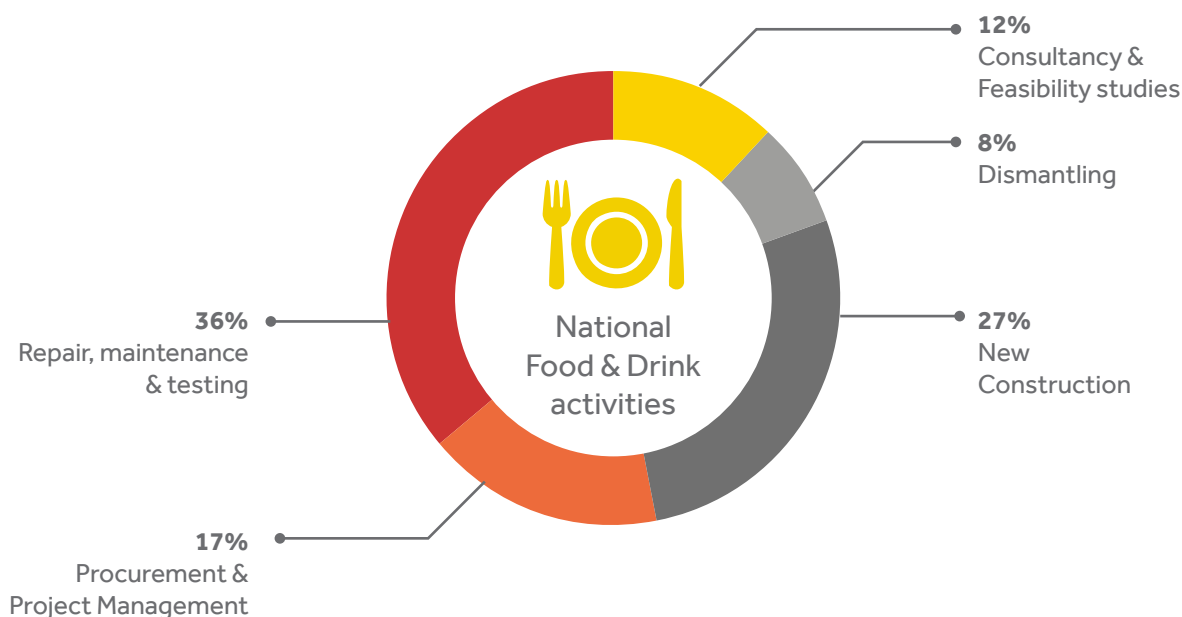




Food & Drink

Sector Value Proposition

The food & drink manufacturing industry is one of the ECITB's eight core sectors and we currently have fifty seven registered establishments engaged in the industry across the United Kingdom. Our companies help install, maintain and decommission food processing machinery used by well-known brands such as Kelloggs, Walkers and Pepsi Co.



Like most sectors food & drink manufacturing is facing a number of key industrial challenges presented by NetZero, the economy post BREXIT, greater automation and attracting workers to the sector. The ECITB in collaboration with organisations such as the Food & Drink Federation is developing and supporting initiatives to help meet some of the core skills & training issues which include increasing apprenticeship recruitment and improving accessibility, sustainability and quality of training provision.

Collaboration

'Because industry can achieve more by working together':

- 'What is collaboration' webinars delivered through our partnership with Kingsfield Academy
- Encouraging the use of the ECITB's Project Collaboration Toolkit
- Developing and delivering collaborative champion training
- The creation of a National food & drink industry focus group
- Sharing of sectoral intelligence across the food & drink industry

Succession Planning

'Training tomorrow's leaders today'

- Grant funding for succession planning training

Local Provision

'Training where and when you need it'

- Developing 'good to go' training modules that reduce provider course development time.
- Delivery of a scholarship programme that feeds in to the final year of craft/technician apprenticeship programmes.
- Inter sector course sharing to help develop and deliver viable cohorts.
- Strengthened regional engagement

Diversity & Inclusion

'Widening sector participation'

- Inclusion Diversity Equality Action task group
- Case study development and sharing
- Sectoral promotion & sharing of best practice
- D&I integration to ECITB technical training standards