





SCAE Coffee Diploma: Barista Foam standards

Milk Standard:	Picture reference:	Description:
<p>Level 1: Excellent milk standard</p>	 A close-up photograph of a white coffee cup filled with milk. The milk surface is very smooth and has a slight sheen, indicating a high-quality microfoam. There are no visible large bubbles or a thick layer of foam on top.	<p>Microfoam produced smooth shiny and moist. No visible bubbles</p>




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Milk Standard:	Picture reference:	Description:
<p>Level 2: Very good milk standard</p>	 A close-up photograph of the surface of a cup of coffee. The milk foam is very smooth and has a fine, uniform texture, characteristic of microfoam. The surface is slightly glossy and shows no large bubbles or significant separation.	<p>Microfoam produced smooth and moist. Very few small bubbles <0.5mm diameter</p>




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Milk Standard:	Picture reference:	Description:
<p>Level 3: Acceptable milk standard (Minimum acceptable to pass Foundation requirements)</p>	 A close-up photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with coffee. The surface is covered with a thick, smooth, and uniform layer of microfoam, which is light in color and has a fine, consistent texture. The cup is set against a dark background.	<p>Microfoam produced smooth and moist. Microfoam texture with many small (<1mm diameter) and very few larger (1-2mm diameter) bubbles</p>




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Milk Standard:	Picture reference:	Description:
<p>Level 4: Unacceptable milk standard (Failing requirement for Foundation level)</p>	 A close-up photograph of coffee foam in a white cup. The foam is light-colored and has a very coarse, bubbly texture. There are many large, irregular bubbles of varying sizes, some of which are significantly larger than others, indicating a poor quality of foam.	<p>Many large (>1mm + diameter) bubbles present. Texture uneven/dull/dry</p>



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Milk Standard:	Picture reference:	Description:
<p>Level 5: Very poor milk standard (Failing requirement for Foundation level)</p>		<p>Description: Many large (>1mm + diameter) bubbles present. Very dry and uneven looking like it has been placed on by spoon/spatula rather than poured</p>