

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

POTTERY

Materials

1. Clay must be free from defects, and appropriate to the function and expected durability of the finished article.
2. Glazes must meet Health Canada requirements.

Technique

1. Each piece should be executed so that it is evenly thrown or constructed, well balanced and of consistent proportions throughout, unless the design requires otherwise.
2. Each piece must be properly trimmed and finished.
3. Bottoms should be smooth and flat, with any roughness removed.
4. Ceramic pieces must be free of cracks and warpage.
5. Glazes should be evenly applied and pieces fired with no signs of crazing, pitting or pinholing, unless otherwise intended.
6. Functional pieces must meet expectations for performance: spouts must pour without dripping; handles and lids must fit and function well.
7. Cast works in clay are acceptable if the master, the mold and the casting are the work of a craftsperson. The use of commercial molds is permitted only if the mold is so neutral as to have no influence on the aesthetic of the finished piece. Surface decoration must:
 1. Show a high level of understanding and application of design principles
 2. Be original, and show the distinct, personal style of the maker
 3. Show that consideration has been given to the integration of the base form into the finished product
 4. Be consistent with other products that form part of the craftsperson's line.
8. The use of decals on pottery cast from commercial molds is not permitted.

* Regulations: There are very specific regulations concerning the production and glazing of ceramic products. Craftspersons should obtain copies of pertinent regulations from Health Canada.