



ADVANCED SOMMELIER CERTIFICATE

SYDNEY 2020

SUNDAY 16 - THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

COURT OF MASTER SOMMELIERS OCEANIA
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THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR SOMMELIERS AND BEVERAGE PROFESSIONALS.



THE 4 LEVELS OF ACCREDITATION



The Court of Master Sommeliers offers four levels of accreditation for sommeliers and beverage professionals, beginning with the Introductory Sommelier Certificate course and examination. Students must pass each level of accreditation before proceeding onto higher levels, culminating in the highly prestigious Master Sommelier Diploma.

The Introductory Sommelier Certificate and Certified Sommelier may be applied for at the same course location and intake, whilst a 12-month break is required between passing Certified and applying for Advanced. A 2-year break is required between passing Advanced and applying for the Master Sommelier Diploma.

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The Advanced Sommelier Certificate course and examination is intended for persons with extensive wine service experience, who wish to develop their knowledge and service skills to a higher level. Prospective candidates should be aware that the level is significantly higher than the Certified Sommelier examination and that it is, therefore, necessary to carry out considerable study in preparation for this course.

2020 APPLICATION PROCESS

The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania have announced changes to the application process for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate in 2020. Due to overwhelming demand admissions to the 2020 program will be offered via invitation only. All information on application deadlines, eligibility criteria and how to apply may be viewed on page 6 of this document.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Applications for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate are offered via invitation only. Applicants who are aged 18+, are working and residing within the Asia Pacific region and have attained the Introductory Sommelier Certificate and Certified Sommelier are welcome to apply. Applicants must hold a valid Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) which is valid in New South Wales. For further information please contact [Liquor and Gaming NSW](#).



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RESOURCES

Students who successfully secure a place for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate gain access to the course web portal, which should be used in conjunction with the theory syllabus, service standards, grape markers and certified tasting grids which are downloadable via our website.

COURSE FORMAT

The Advanced program is conducted over 5 days, with the first 2.5 days devoted to course work and the remaining days allocated to examinations. The lectures are presented by Master Sommeliers using PowerPoint presentations combined with wine tastings, plus a practical service demonstration.

EXAMINATION FORMAT

The Advanced Sommelier Certificate examinations are held on the final 2.5 days of the Advanced program.

The examination is comprised of three parts which must be passed together:

1. One-hour Theory paper of 24 multiple choice questions and 60 short answer questions - totalling 150 marks.
2. Practical tasting of 6 wines tasted blind in 25 minutes.
3. 45-minute Practical Service test

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COURSE OUTCOMES

Candidates who satisfactorily gain this certificate will be able to:

1. Discuss, recommend and serve aperitifs, spirits and liqueurs, displaying a sound knowledge of the products.
2. Select, prepare and position glassware necessary for the service of drinks in the restaurant, event space, lounge, bar or private suite.
3. Present, offer, prepare (decanting where necessary) and serve wines, demonstrating a high degree of efficiency and proficiency.
4. Discuss menu content and wine lists, recommending wines to accompany food, displaying a sound knowledge of the products, their vintages and characteristics.
5. Handle queries and complaints with skill and diplomacy.
6. Demonstrate a sound knowledge of beverage management including an ability to train beverage servers.
7. Demonstrate an ability to sell.
8. Orally describe the characteristics of wines.
9. Analyse classic styles of wine, identifying where appropriate, grape varieties, country and district of origin, vintage and quality level.



HOW TO APPLY

Admissions to the Advanced Sommelier Certificate Sydney 2020 are offered via invitation only. Applicants who are aged 18+, are working and residing within the Asia Pacific region and have attained the Introductory Sommelier Certificate and Certified Sommelier are welcome to register their interest via the [online form](#). There is no fee to register your interest.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Admissions to the Advanced Sommelier Certificate Sydney 2020 are offered invitation only.
2. Registering your interest does not guarantee enrolment.
3. The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania Assessment Panel has absolute discretion and any decision regarding offers of enrolment are final and non-negotiable.
4. Late applications will not be accepted.
5. Admissions are only confirmed once fees have been paid in full.
6. Applicants who are not immediately offered a place will be notified via email and automatically waitlisted.

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Fees - \$2030 AUD (includes BF)

Applications via Invitation Only

To register your interest complete the online form via: <https://bit.ly/2ouvbtG>
There is no fee to register your interest.

2020 APPLICATION DEADLINES

Expressions of interest open	Monday 25 November 2019 at 0800 AEST
Expressions of interest close	Friday 13 December 2019 at 1700 AEST
Successful applicants notified via email	Monday 6 - Thursday 9 January 2020
Waitlisted applicants notified via email	Monday 13 - Thursday 16 January 2020



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CANCELLATION POLICY

1. If you enrol for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate and then decide to withdraw up to 90 days before the course begins, you will automatically forfeit 50% of course fees.
2. If you enrol for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate and then decide to withdraw less than 90 days before the course begins, you will automatically forfeit 100% of course fees.
3. Enrolments are strictly non-transferrable. Enrolments cannot be transferred to a different course location or credited towards a future course, nor can you transfer your enrolment to a friend or colleague if you decide to withdraw.
4. If you fail to turn up for any part of the Advanced Sommelier Certificate examination, you will automatically forfeit 100% of fees paid.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Court of Master Sommeliers was established in 1977 to promote excellence in hotel and restaurant beverage services. The intensive education and examination program guides aspiring Master Sommeliers through four increasingly rigorous levels of coursework and examinations, culminating in the Master Sommelier Diploma Examination.
2. Applicants must be aged 18 or above to apply for certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania (hereafter referred to as CMS Oceania).
3. All information pertaining to CMS Oceania's programs can be found on the Court of Master Sommeliers Europe website (www.courtofmastersommeliers.org). Students must pass each level of certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers before proceeding onto higher levels of certification. The Introductory Sommelier Certificate is the first level at which all applicants must start, irrespective of prior learning or experience.
4. CMS Oceania reserves the right to request verification of age, identity, residential address, and qualifications of applicants and any other information relevant to entry into their participation in a CMS Oceania program. Entry to the Certified Sommelier Examination is limited to persons who have passed the Introductory Sommelier Certificate. Entrance to the Advanced Course and Examination is limited to those persons who have successfully passed the Certified Sommelier examination. Applicants for the Master Sommelier Diploma must have successfully passed the CMS Advanced Certificate.
5. CMS Oceania will accept for enrolment, eligible applicants for each course or examination offered. In its sole discretion, CMS Oceania may increase or reduce the minimum number of applicants accepted for any course or exam offered or refuse applicants and refund applicants pursuant to clause 9. of these terms and conditions.
6. CMS Oceania will select for enrolment, eligible applicants for each of the Certified examinations offered. Eligibility for enrolment into a Certified examination is at the sole discretion of CMS Oceania, but CMS Oceania will consider applicants that have previously successfully completed an Introductory examination and/or the top qualifying applicants from the Introductory examination conducted immediately prior to the examination. At its sole discretion, CMS Oceania may increase or decrease the maximum number of applicants accepted for any Certified examination offered or refuse applicants and refund applicants pursuant to clause 7. of these terms and conditions. CMS will not be responsible for late, lost or misdirected applications, enrolment confirmations or other communications.
7. CMS Oceania reserves the right at their absolute discretion to reject applications for enrolment if the applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria or for any other reason as determined by CMS Oceania in its sole discretion including but not limited to submission of untruthful content during the application process.
8. Applicants may enrol in offered education programs worldwide subject to places being available at the time of enquiry. An enquiry may constitute an intent to participate but the CMS Oceania has the discretion to confirm the places, only to persons who have paid the full fees.
9. CMS Oceania reserves the right to cancel any of the courses or exams if insufficient applications for enrolment are received. If CMS Oceania must cancel any of the courses or examinations, it will give applicants a minimum of 21 days' notice prior to the scheduled commencement of the course or examination in which the applicant is enrolled and applicants will receive a full refund pursuant to clause 10. of these terms and conditions. CMS Oceania accepts no liability for travel expenses incurred in attending any of our programs.
10. The CMS Oceania cancellation policy is accepted as a condition of enrolment.
11. If an applicant for the Introductory Sommelier Certificate course and examination or Certified Sommelier examination cancels enrolment up to 60 days prior to the day of the course (Introductory) or examination (Certified), the applicant will forfeit 50% of fees paid. Any cancellations received within 60 days of the course or examination in which an applicant is enrolled will forfeit 100% of course or examination fees. If CMS Oceania cancels a scheduled course or examination or declines an application into any one or all examinations for which an applicant has applied for enrolment, applicants will receive a full refund. Any refunds made pursuant to this clause will be credited to the applicant. Enrolments cannot be transferred or credited to enrolment later. If an applicant fails to attend the examination for any level of CMS certification, fees will be forfeited in full and cannot be credited towards enrolment for a future course or examination. Enrolments are strictly non-transferrable and cannot be transferred to a friend, colleague or employee.
12. Preference for admission into the CMS Oceania Advanced Sommelier Certificate is given to students who are working and residing in the Asia Pacific region. Applications for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate are via invitation only.
13. If an applicant for Advanced cancels enrolment up to 90 days prior to the commencement of the course, the applicant will forfeit 50% of Advanced course and examination fees. Any cancellations received within 90 days of the scheduled start date of the course in which an application is enrolled will forfeit 100% of their course and examination fees without exception.
14. Enrolments for all CMS Oceania programs cannot be transferred to a different location, City/State or later date under any circumstances, no exception.
15. If an applicant fails to attend the examination for any level of CMS certification, fees will be forfeited in full.

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16. Accepted applicants will be assessed and examined throughout the course by the nominated CMS Oceania assessors and the CMS Oceania assessors will ultimately determine whether an applicant has successfully completed the exam in which the applicant is enrolled. In assessing and exercising their judgment, the CMS Oceania judges have absolute discretion and any decision of the CMS Oceania judges is final and non-negotiable. However, in exercising their discretion the CMS Oceania judges will be guided by the assessment criteria set out on the CMS Oceania website www.courtformastersommeliers.org.
17. Applications to the Advanced Sommelier Certificate will be offered by invitation only. The CMS Oceania Assessment Panel has absolute discretion and any decision regarding offers of enrolment are final and non-negotiable.
18. To the maximum extent permitted by law, applicants waive any rights, claims, actions or suits which they may have now or in the future against CMS and CMS Oceania (together the "Released Parties"), and releases each of the Released Parties from all liability no matter how it arises (whether under tort (including negligence), statute, contract, equity or otherwise) in respect of any personal injury, loss, damage or liability sustained by any other person arising out of or in connection with attending any CMS program.
19. To the maximum extent permitted by law, applicants indemnify and will keep indemnified each of the Released Parties in respect of any legal liability that the Released Parties may have to any third party (whether under tort (including negligence), statute, contract, equity or otherwise) which arises in connection with attending any CMS program.
20. Applicants will be refused service of alcohol or provision of alcoholic beverages during any CMS Oceania examination if it would breach any relevant laws, codes or policies of the relevant liquor licensee, including those relating to the responsible service of alcohol. The CMS Oceania supports the responsible service of alcohol.
21. Applicants consent to CMS Oceania or any sponsor of the CMS Oceania program using their name, likeness and/or photo for an unlimited period without remuneration for promoting the CMS Oceania program or any sponsor of the CMS Oceania program.
22. Details from entries will be collected and used for administering the CMS Oceania exams which may include disclosure to third parties, including any sponsors of the CMS program. By applying to enrol in a CMS Oceania exam, applicants consent to the use of their information as described in these terms and conditions and agree that the CMS Oceania and any third party may use it in any future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes without any future reference or payment to the applicant. Applicants may change and/or update their personal information at any time.
23. The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania will not enter into any dispute between employee and current or former employer, pertaining to payment of any course or examination when it relates to the current or former employer's internal policies or procedures or contractual agreements. The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania accepts no liability pertaining to any perceived breach of contract regarding payment of course or examination fees.
24. Individuals who successfully complete all parts of the Master Sommelier Diploma will be expected to uphold the accepted ethics and standards of the Court of Master Sommeliers. Recipients of the diploma will be required to sign an agreement binding them to the code of ethics and conduct of Master Sommeliers.
25. Candidates shall pay a membership fee as stated on the entry form. Full membership of the Court is open by invitation only to those who have passed the Master Sommelier Diploma, subject to approval by the board of the CMS Oceania.
26. The use of mobile phones or electronic devices to take video footage, photos or post updates to social media is not permitted at any time during any CMS Oceania course or examination.
27. Students enrolled in any CMS Oceania course or examination are not permitted to share via social media any quiz, web portal login details or supporting materials which have been provided by the CMS Oceania.
29. All timings provided on enrolment confirmation are indicative only and subject to change.



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