



# **CERTIFIED SOMMELIER EXAMINATION**

**SYDNEY  
08.09.2021**

**COURT OF MASTER SOMMELIERS OCEANIA  
[www.courtofmastersommeliers.org](http://www.courtofmastersommeliers.org)**



# THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR SOMMELIERS AND BEVERAGE PROFESSIONALS.







# A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

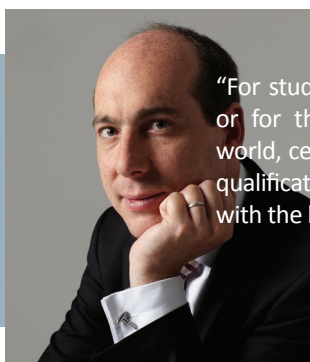
## *Welcome*

The Court of Master Sommeliers is the world's most rigorous and prestigious accreditation program for sommeliers and hospitality professionals.

Since our very first programs were held in Australia in 2008, enrolment numbers have continued to grow year on year. Accreditation from the Court of Master Sommeliers is globally recognised, and we're proud to welcome students to our courses from throughout Australia and New Zealand in 2021.

For students who are considering taking the next step in their career by attaining professional accreditation or perhaps proceeding onto a higher level of accreditation from the Court of Master Sommeliers, I congratulate you on your commitment to your profession and wish you all the very best with your studies.

BRIAN K. JULYAN MS  
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT  
COURT OF MASTER SOMMELIERS EUROPE



"For students who wish to progress their hospitality career within the Oceania region; or for those who are considering exploring employment opportunities around the world, certification through the Court of Master Sommeliers offers a globally recognised qualification and demonstrates a level of practical and theoretical knowledge consistent with the high levels which are expected from the Court of Master Sommeliers."

*Franck Moreau MS*  
Master Sommelier

# 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.



“There is a tremendous sense of community and support amongst the alumni of the Court of Master Sommeliers. I would highly recommend the Introductory Sommelier Certificate to anyone working in the hospitality industry who is keen to further their career and gain professional accreditation which is globally recognised.”

*Felix Auzou - Certified Sommelier  
2019 RIEDEL Sydney Certified Sommelier Dux*





# CERTIFIED SOMMELIER EXAMINATION

The Certified Sommelier qualification is the primary certification for wine and beverage professionals in the hospitality industry and is intended to provide a meaningful qualification for the working sommelier. The examination will recognise beverage professionals whose knowledge, skills and demeanour are worthy of the title - Certified Sommelier.

## WHO SHOULD ENROL?

Applications for the Certified Sommelier examination are open to all persons aged 18+ who are working and residing in Australia or New Zealand and have attained the Introductory Sommelier Certificate. Applicants must also hold a valid Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) for NSW. Please contact the relevant State body for further information.

## RESOURCES

Students who enrol for the Certified Sommelier examination gain access to the course web portal, which should be used in conjunction with the Introductory textbook, service standards, theory syllabus and tasting grids which can be downloaded from our website.

## EXAMINATION FORMAT

The Certified Sommelier examination is comprised of three parts:

1. A short-written theory paper of 40 multiple choice and short answer questions.
2. A tasting test consisting of two wines tasted blind and answered on a tasting grid.
3. A practical service test.

The pass mark is 60% in each section. All three sections must be passed together. The theory paper is set at a higher level than the Introductory Sommelier Certificate examination.



# HOW TO APPLY

## EXAMINATION DETAILS

- Date:** Wednesday Sept. 8, 2021  
**Time:** 7.30am – 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Establishment Sydney  
**Fees:** \$550 plus \$25.29 Eventbrite Booking Fees = \$575.29

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants who have graduated from the Introductory Sommelier Certificate program and reside in Australia or New Zealand are welcome to apply via the link below. Capacity is strictly limited, and places will be offered on a “first come first served” basis.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### CERTIFIED SOMMELIER EXAMINATION

1. If you enrol for the Certified Sommelier examination and then decide to withdraw up to 60 days before the examination day, you will automatically forfeit 50% of course fees, no exception.
2. If you enrol for the Certified Sommelier examination and then decide to withdraw less than 60 days before the examination day, you will automatically forfeit 100% of examination fees, no exception.
3. Enrolments are strictly non-transferrable. Enrolments cannot be transferred to a different exam location or credited towards a future intake, nor can you transfer your enrolment to a friend or colleague if you decide to withdraw.
4. If you fail to turn up for the Certified Sommelier 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](http://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 Sommelier Certificate.
5. CMS Oceania will accept for enrolment, eligible applicants for each course or examination offered. At 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 8. 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 8. of these terms and conditions.
7. CMS will not be responsible for late, lost or misdirected applications, enrolment confirmations or other communications.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 12. of these terms and conditions. CMS Oceania accepts no liability for travel expenses incurred in attending any of our programs.
11. The CMS Oceania cancellation policy is accepted as a condition of enrolment.
12. 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.
13. Preference for admission into the CMS Oceania Advanced Sommelier Certificate is given to students who are working and residing in Australia or New Zealand. Applications for the Advanced Sommelier Certificate are via invitation only.
14. If an applicant for Advanced cancels their 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.
15. Enrolments for all CMS Oceania programs cannot be transferred to a different location, City/State or later date under any circumstances, no exception.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

16. If an applicant fails to attend the examination for any level of CMS certification, fees will be forfeited in full.
17. 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 nonnegotiable. However, in exercising their discretion the CMS Oceania judges will be guided by the assessment criteria set out on the CMS Oceania website [www.courtofmastersommeliers.org](http://www.courtofmastersommeliers.org).
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.



# COVID-19 TERMS & CONDITIONS

## NEW APPLICANT

These COVID-19 related terms and conditions ("COVID T&Cs") are additional to and are to be read in conjunction with CMS Oceania's standard terms and conditions ("Original T&Cs"). To the extent of any inconsistency these COVID T&Cs override the Original T&Cs. Words and phrases in the Original T&Cs have the same meaning when used in these COVID T&Cs.

1. An applicant must not commence or continue to attend a course or examination if the applicant
  - A. has undertaken any overseas travel within the previous 14 days;
  - B. has a fever (37.5 ° or higher), cough, sore throat, shortness of breath (difficulty breathing), runny nose, loss of taste, loss of smell, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, headache, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, loss of appetite, unexplained chest pain, conjunctivitis or any other condition or symptom reported by government authorities as potential COVID-19 symptoms;
  - C. is currently awaiting COVID-19 test results;
  - D. has been in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case within the previous 14 days;
  - E. has within the previous 14 days been in any location that, at the time, was declared by any government authority to be COVID-19 hotspot.An applicant must notify CMS Oceania immediately on becoming aware that any of the above circumstances may apply to them.
2. An applicant must, at least 4 weeks before commencement of their course or examination, advise CMS Oceania if they are travelling interstate to attend the course or examination. Such an applicant must comply fully with
  - A. any government mandated isolation or quarantine requirement applicable to them at or before the commencement of their course or examination; and
  - B. any additional requirement that CMS Oceania may in its absolute discretion impose on the applicant.
3. The applicant must sign and return to CMS Oceania such declarations as to compliance with these COVID T&Cs as CMS Oceania may in its absolute discretion from time to time require.
4. The applicant agrees that they will abide by all CMS Oceania's COVID-19 related policies and procedures (which may include good hand hygiene, physical and social distancing, having their temperature taken, and wearing of a mask) and will follow all directions relating to health and safety given by CMS Oceania personnel.
5. Any failure by an applicant to comply fully with any of the above requirements will render the applicant liable to cancellation or discontinuance of their course or examination without a refund of any amounts paid.

6. If an applicant cancels or discontinues attendance at a course or examination due to
  - a. a matter referred to in clause 1 ; or
  - b. an inability or unwillingness to comply with any government mandated isolation or quarantine requirement or any CMS Oceania requirement referred to in clause 2,or a course is cancelled or discontinued due to
  - c. any COVID-19 related restriction or prohibition on travel, gatherings or events imposed by any government authority; or
  - d. CMS Oceania determining in its absolute discretion, due to COVID related constraints, not to proceed with any course or examination,

then the applicant is not entitled to a cash refund but, provided that the applicant is not in breach of these COVID T&Cs or the Original T&Cs, the applicant is entitled to a credit to be applied to attendance by the applicant at a future course or examination.

7. The applicant will indemnify, and will keep indemnified, CMS Oceania against any claim, loss, harm, damage or liability that CMS may suffer wholly or partly due to a breach by the applicant of these COVID T&Cs.
8. The applicant acknowledges that COVID-19 is highly contagious and that, whilst CMS Oceania will take all reasonable precautions to minimise the risk, the applicant assumes any COVID-19 related risk in attending a course or examination. The applicant waives any claim that it would otherwise have in respect of to any COVID-19 related or caused illness, loss, expense or damage arising as a consequence of the applicant attending, or not being able to attend, a CMS Oceania course, examination or related event. The applicant will keep CMS Oceania fully indemnified against any such claim whether made by or through the applicant or by any third party.



# COURT OF MASTER SOMMELIERS OCEANIA

[www.courtofmastersommeliers.org](http://www.courtofmastersommeliers.org)

[info@courtofmastersommeliers.org](mailto:info@courtofmastersommeliers.org)

[instagram.com/mastersommoceania](https://www.instagram.com/mastersommoceania)

