

Certified Spirits Judge™



Course Overview

The Council of Whiskey Masters offers a new professional education and certification programme dedicated to spirits judging, consisting of a theory examination, based on a dedicated study guide, and a practical examination where candidates demonstrate effective judging ability.

The Tasting Alliance - the organization behind the largest most respected spirits competitions in the world, including the San Francisco World Spirits Competition - and the International Whisky Competition® —the most prestigious and followed whisky - only competition in the world - have committed that they will adopt this programme.

Earning the Certified Spirits Judge™ designation grants the life-long privilege to carry the title and use its postnominals, "CSJ". Upon passing the exam, candidates receive our printed diploma and lapel pin, both in digital as well as physical versions. The CSJ programme is completed 100% in remote format, removing all barriers for candidates around the globe.

Course Curriculum

- The World of Spirits
- Spirits Judging in Practice
- Systematic Evaluation
- Spirits Production
- Spirits of the World

Who Should Attend

- Professionals, Service, Executive staffs from the F&B and wines & spirits industries
- Professionals, Service, Executive staffs from retail industry offering wines & spirits
- Professionals or Individuals with keen interest in spirits
- Individuals seeking a career in the F&B, wines & spirits and retail industries

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Course Duration

Self-Paced. Enrolment for the course may expire if a candidate neither takes nor schedules the examination within 18 months of enrolling.

Entry Requirements

The Certified Spirits Judge (CSJ) programme covers a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum. There are no prerequisites or special requirements to enrol in the programme, the programme welcomes candidates of all backgrounds.

Beginners will find the programme accessible without prior knowledge, and experienced professionals or enthusiasts will find the depth of the curriculum demanding and satisfying.

Enrolment

After you complete the registration, you will get a confirmation email from The Council of Whiskey Masters, usually within 48 hours of signing up. It will include a link to the Council's study guide, called "Systematic Spirits Appreciation | Study Guide to the CSJ Program", and more information.

Your study guide is structured to support the study curriculum outlined; all examination questions will be exactly based on this document. A well written and illustrated study guide that many thousands of Scotch experts and students have rated highly will be provided. The expected study and preparation time for this exam is between 60 and 90 hours, depending on prior experience.

The official CSJ study guide supports all parts of the curriculum, and includes detailed training interviews with 10 of the world's leading spirits judges.

Course Assessment

Once you are ready to take the examination, you may select and self-schedule a time slot via this [link](#). Examinations are offered several times each month on Fridays and Saturdays, with convenient time slots available for all global time zones. A calendar invitation with all important details will be emailed to you immediately upon scheduling

The examination consists of 100 multiple-choice questions, and it takes up to 1 hour to complete. You must correctly answer at least **75%** of the questions to pass the exam.

The practical examination can be scheduled after you have passed the theory examination. 3 different spirits will be blinded tasted by the candidate, at a location of their choice. The Council office will share details on the blind tasting protocol directly with each candidate.

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Exam Protocol

The examination may be taken online, in a browser window, using a laptop or desktop computer. The examination is entered through a link sent by the Council on examination day. Candidates may be located anywhere in the world, but reliable internet and phone connections are required. Anti-cheating methods are in place and are enforced. No study materials or other persons are permitted in the room during an examination. Candidates receive an email with the examination link a few hours in advance of the scheduled appointment time.

Representative Sample Questions

Practical Examination

- Provide detailed tasting notes for spirit samples 1, 2, 3
- Provide comments on the overall flavour style
- Provide an overall score on the 100 scale for each spirit
- Support your overall score with separate notes and sub-scores for complexity, balance, and expressiveness
- Suggest a retail price per bottle for each of the spirits
- Provide an age and ABV estimate

Certification

A certificate and lapel pin, in both printed and digital, from **The Council of Whiskey Masters** will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

Course Fees

\$980.00 nett per person (inclusive of registration, study materials and **one** sitting for the examination).

Others

Please ensure that you have read up our terms & conditions from our [website](#) before signing up for the course.

Registration

You may register for this course via this [link](#).

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For More Information

Please email us at courses@winelanguage.sg, WhatsApp or call +65 8727 6650.

