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INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

Fundamentals of Tea Tasting

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

The **Tea Board India**, in collaboration with the **Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI)** and the **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)**, is pleased to announce the launch of the **Fundamentals of Tea Tasting Programme – NSQF Level 4** at the **DTRDC, Kurseong**.

This program is designed to impart structured, competency-based training in tea tasting, brewing, sensory evaluation, and hospitality service, aligned with NSQF Level 4 descriptors.

Successful candidates will be awarded a nationally recognized certificate accredited by **NCVET**.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Duration: 210 Hours



Venue: DTRDC, Kurseong- a premier tea research and training hub



Eligibility: Minimum Class XII pass or equivalent; preference for candidates with tea industry experience



Certification: Fundamentals of Tea Tasting – NSQF Level 4 (NCVET-approved certification for professional credibility)



Awarding Body: Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI)



Renowned Expert-led sessions by seasoned tea tasters and sommeliers



Focus on practical and sensory evaluation skills



Agriculture Skill
Council of India



National Council for
Vocational Education
and Training



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APPLICATION PROCESS



	Course name:	Fundamentals of Tea Tasting – NSQF Level 4
	Approved by:	National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)
	Awarding Body:	Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI)
	Venue:	DTRDC, Kurseong
	No. of Seats:	10 (first cum first Serve basis) 5-Gen, 3-OBC, 1-SC, 1-ST



1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Minimum qualification: Class XII pass or equivalent.
- Candidates with prior experience in hospitality, tea industry, or food & beverage service will be given preference.
- Open to all categories (SC/ST/OBC/General) as per Government norms.



2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide structured training aligned with NSQF Level 4 descriptors.
- Develop professional skills in tea tasting, brewing, sensory evaluation, and service.
- Promote tea culture and hospitality standards.



3. PROGRAMME DETAILS

- Introduction to the Role of a Tea Taster
- Foundations of Tea
- Tea Appreciation
- Tea Tasting – Techniques & Vocabulary
- Tea Blending – Art, Science & Commerce
- Factory Immersion Program



4. LEARNING OUTCOMES (ALIGNED TO NSQF LEVEL 4)



Process: Perform routine tea service tasks independently.



Professional Knowledge: Understand tea varieties, processing, and evaluation.



Professional Skill: Apply brewing and presentation techniques professionally.



Core Skill: Communicate effectively, maintain records, and use numeracy in measurements.



Responsibility: Take accountability for own work and ensure quality service.

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5. DURATION & VENUE

- **Duration:** 210 Hours (30 days)
- Program will be conducted at Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre (DTRDC), Kurseong, West Bengal.



6. COURSES FEES & ACCOMMODATION

- **Fees:** Rs. 45,000* +18% GST
*50% Discount for SC/ST/PwD Candidates
- **Accommodation:** Candidate has to arrange their own fooding and lodging (Assistance will be provided by DTRDC, Kurseong)



7. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (to be submitted with application form)

- Proof of Identity (Aadhaar card only)
- Educational Qualification Certificate (Class XII or higher).
- Experience Certificate (if applicable).
- Caste Certificate (SC/ST/OBC, if applicable).
- Two passport-size photographs.



8. CERTIFICATION

- Successful candidates will receive a Fundamentals of Tea Tasting Certificate – NSQF Level 4, awarded by **ASCI** and participation certificate from Tea Board recognized by **NCVET**.
- Certification is competency-based and recognized nationally.

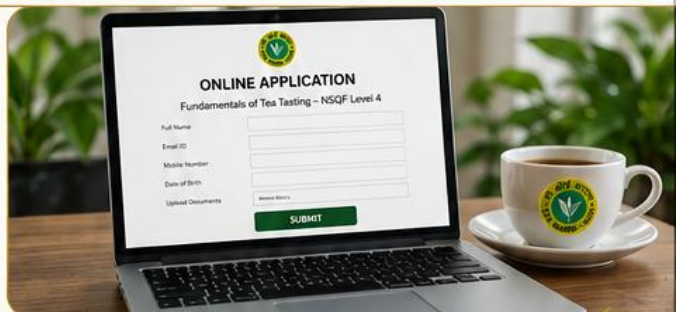


9. SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Completed application form with supporting documents must be submitted Online within specified date along with Fees at



<https://dtdrc.teamarketplace.in/>



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IMPORTANT NOTE



Applications will be screened as per eligibility criteria. Selected candidates will be notified individually.



Incomplete applications will not be considered.



Admission is subject to verification of documents and payment confirmation.



The Tea Board reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the course.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:



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