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TEA BOARD INDIA

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

ESSENTIALS OF TEA SOMMELIER 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 Essentials for Tea Sommelier Program – 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 ASCI/NCVET.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

-  **Duration:** 60 Hours
-  **Venue:** DTRDC, Kurseong- a premier tea research and training hub
-  **Eligibility:** Minimum Class XII pass or equivalent; preference for candidates with hospitality/tea industry experience



Certification: Essentials of Tea Sommelier – 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



Residential: Candidate has to arrange their own fooding and lodging (Assistance will be provided by DTRDC, Kurseong)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested candidates are invited to submit the Application Form online along with the following supporting documents:

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



Completed applications along with course fees must be submitted within the stipulated date.



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IMPORTANT NOTE

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

We look forward to your participation in this initiative to strengthen professional skills and promote excellence in tea culture.



GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS



Course name: Essentials of Tea Sommelier – 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)

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. PROGRAMME 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 Sommelier
- ✓ Tea Appreciation and Foundation Studies
- ✓ Tea Tasting and Palate Development.
- ✓ Tea Blending & Innovation
- ✓ Artisanal & Functional Tea

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:** 60 Hours (roughly 7 days)(28 Oct.-04 Nov.)
- **Venue:** Program will be conducted at Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre (DTRDC), Kurseong, West Bengal.



6. COURSES FEES & ACCOMMODATION

- **Course Fees:** Rs. 17,000/- + 18% GST (working lunch included)
- **Accommodation:** Candidate has to arrange their own fooding, lodging and travel to Kurseong (Assistance will be provided by DTRDC, Kurseong)

7. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION FORM)

- Proof of Identity (Aadhaar/Passport/Voter ID).
- 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 an Essentials of Tea Sommelier Certificate – NSQF Level 4, jointly awarded by ASCI/Tea Board and recognized by NCVET.
- Certification is competency-based and recognised nationally.



9. SUBMISSION PROCESS

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

IMPORTANT NOTES

- 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.

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