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International

Students' Guide



Go Anywhere



Your Guide to Hospitality & Culinary Business

Career Success

Making the right career choice and employment prospects after graduating can be overwhelming. We provide employment focused education, which ensures your future career success.



We understand that you're looking for:

- A world-class qualification to be able to Go Anywhere in your career and anywhere in the world.
- Crucial work experience.
- A credible and trustworthy institution.
- Employment once qualified.

We understand it's overwhelming right now because of:

- Career uncertainty.
- Choosing the correct programme.
- Choosing the best institution.
- Job opportunities.

We're here to help you make the best choice:

- **Graduate job ready.** All our programmes contain unrivalled practical work experience in leading hospitality establishments.
- Established for over 30 years, **providing you with the best reputational head start.**
- Only hospitality & culinary school in Africa ranked in the **Top 50 Hospitality Universities in the World.**
- Only tertiary institution in South Africa offering programmes recognised by the **American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI).**
- Only culinary school in South Africa to provide **certification through the internationally renowned Culinary and Pastry Arts School, École Ducasse.** Voted Best Culinary School in the World.
- Proudly part of **Sommet Education, the World's Leader in Hospitality Management Education** with three prestigious institutions: hospitality business schools **Glion Institute of Higher Education** and **Les Roches**, with the culinary and pastry arts school **École Ducasse.**



SOMMET EDUCATION



Les Roches



Our plan for your success is:

- Help you choose the right programme.
- Provide you with financial guidance.
- Provide you with a Successfully Pass Money Back Guarantee.
- Receive a nationally registered and internationally recognised qualification.
- Assist with employment opportunities through Beyond Grad.

Ready to start your successful Hospitality or Culinary Business career?

Enrolling couldn't be easier:



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Complete the Enrolment Process

Be provided with financial guidance and learn about our Money Back Guarantee!



Graduate Successfully and Become Employed

Free entrance into Beyond Grad employment support programme.



Join over 30,000 successfully employed graduates!

Danielle Teixeira

Housekeeping Supervisor - Marriott Hotel London

The **International Hotel School** opened many doors for me throughout my studies and gave me the opportunity to work abroad in Europe and in the United States. The dedicated lecturers made campus life fun and interesting with their own industry experience, ensuring we had the best backing to enter the industry. With subjects that are designed to cover course work that is used daily in the hospitality industry like Housekeeping shift duties to Front Office Night Audit, it made working in the industry easier with all the hours in the classroom paying off. If a job that is ever changing and challenging is interesting to you, I highly recommend becoming part of our **International Hotel School** Family.

Raeesa Mohamed

Pastry Chef - Ritz-Carlton Dubai

The **International Hotel School** provided me with the necessary experience and knowledge to flourish in the hospitality industry. It is because of IHS, that I gained first-hand experience in an industrial kitchen and was thus prepared for my future life as a chef. The **International Hotel School** equipped me with industry-related knowledge and skills that remain invaluable in every kitchen I work in. It was truly the best choice I made on the path to my career as a successful chef.

Registration & Accreditation



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Nationally Registered

International Hotel School is registered as a Private Higher Education Institution with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) | Registration No: 2000/HE07/005.

International Hotel School and our Higher Education programmes are accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE).

The International Hotel School is provisionally registered as a Private FET College with Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) | Registration No: 2009/FE07/077.



International Hotel School is registered with CATHSSETA (Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority) as a provider to offer accredited qualifications as per registration No: 613/P/000012/2004.



International Hotel School is registered with QCTO (Quality Council for Trades and Occupation) as an accredited Skills Development Provider (SDP) to offer occupational qualifications as per Registration No: Durban 1223/18/0025, Pretoria 1220/18/00259, Johannesburg 1220/18/00258, Cape Town 1228/18/0025.

All qualifications in South Africa need to be registered with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). All our Degree, Diplomas, Higher Certificates and National Certificate programmes are registered with SAQA

International Standards, International Recognition

Founded in 1999, École Ducasse has become a global leader in teaching culinary and pastry arts. Under the visionary leadership of Chef Alain Ducasse, the most awarded Michelin star chef in history, the school embodies a unique blend of tradition and modernity, with profound respect for the ingredients used.

The World Culinary Awards have named École Ducasse as the World's Best Culinary School, and Europe's Best Culinary School for 2023 and 2024. This award recognises their commitment to excellence.

Due to our affiliation with École Ducasse and alignment with their philosophy, we have chosen to offer their French skills enhancement certificates. These certifications delve into the intricate skill levels inherent in the fundamentals of French culinary and pastry arts. They cover the applied technology and science behind French cooking, featuring recipes curated by Chef Alain Ducasse and his elite team. Our chefs at International Hotel School have undergone expert training by École Ducasse's French Chefs, ensuring that our educational standards match international levels.

The American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI), founded in 1953, has been teaching leaders in the hospitality industry for over 60 years. International Hotel School, through AHLEI, has access to a wide range of learning material that show students how to transfer the knowledge gained in the classroom to the workplace.





BEYOND
GRAD

Our Exclusive Student Placement Service

We know that every student is looking for a great job to start their career and ultimately their future – that's why we have a dedicated employment services team focusing on just this! Our Beyond Grad team is comprised of experts who are well-connected in the Hospitality industry and in touch with the latest employment trends. It is our priority to provide you with diverse employment opportunities and the tools to make the best decisions in reaching your career aspirations. We can assist you in finding your first job and will continue to be available to you when you're ready to explore new opportunities.

What will we do for you while you study?

From the moment you start at the International Hotel School, we are on-hand to get you job ready. The support and service we provide are comprehensive and free of charge to all students and graduates. Here are some of the ways we help you:

- **CV workshops** to arm you with industry relevant and appealing CVs and cover letters.
- **Interview skills** workshops that will give you the edge in face-to-face meetings.
- **Work experience** opportunities while you study.
- **Provide assistance** with job interviews.

We'll make sure that you are work ready when you graduate, so you can hit the ground running – either in South Africa or abroad!



Welcome

Congratulations on choosing a career in hospitality — an industry that remains a pillar of global employment! Nearly 1 in 10 jobs worldwide is connected to hospitality. With ongoing demand for skilled and qualified professionals, there are ample opportunities for growth and success. The cruise industry, in particular, supports over 1.2 million jobs globally and with new ships, ports and destinations launching each year, there are even more avenues for your career to flourish.

There are many ways to start your career in hospitality. Industry experts recommend obtaining an appropriate qualification from a reputable institution as it gives you a sound knowledge about the industry and the technical skills needed. Industry professionals also believe that it enables you to start your career with entry into a higher-level position than those without a formal qualification.

The fast-paced economic growth of the hospitality industry fuels the quick rate of career advancement. This growth can take the form of promotions or vertical career moves into prominent work environments. Due to the dynamic nature of the industry, many hospitality establishments offer career opportunities to employees who are younger.

Graduates with a hospitality qualification have options in many viable employment sectors. Those who enjoy food and beverage services have the choice of working as managers in any food and beverage industry while those who enjoy the excitement and allure of the lodging industry, usually become managers at one of the multi-national hotels in the world.

Hospitality graduates can be found in managerial positions in the airlines, cruise ships and other tour and travel related businesses. The hospitality industry also offers many entrepreneurial opportunities, should you wish to open your own business.

With the right education and drive, opportunities in the hospitality industry are limitless!



International Students & South Africa

South Africa is one of the most dynamic and up-and-coming countries in the world. With a host of vibrant cities, diverse cultures and wildlife, it's no wonder that it is a popular study destination for international students.

Our comfortable climate and beautiful landscapes offer endless opportunities for exploration and discovery. From our magnificent beaches to our majestic mountain ranges, the near-perfect weather is reason enough to at least consider international study opportunities in South Africa.

South African institutions offer multicultural student communities, good academic facilities, a range of social activities and good support systems for international students.

International students who have received a qualification from International Hotel School report that their studies have prepared them for entering the world of work. Students expressed high confidence levels about job opportunities after graduating.

With higher education staking its claim as one of the key factors in the country's emerging economy, international students who choose to study in South Africa are uniquely positioned to gain a high-quality education.

Important to Note

Here's what you need to know when applying to the International Hotel School (IHS):

Admission Policy

All applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements for admission into their chosen programme. We welcome applications from all candidates with the potential to succeed in higher education. Most foreign school qualifications will be accepted for the purposes of admission to IHS, but they must be evaluated first, by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) or Universities South Africa (USAF).

Foreign Qualifications Evaluation and Advisory Service

SAQA and USAF evaluates foreign qualifications to assist institutions when foreign qualification holders are considered for study. The process entails an academic structural comparison, after which an evaluation report is issued with placement recommendations in terms of appropriate levels of South Africa's National Qualifications Framework (NQF). It is the applicant's responsibility to acquire the relevant documentation from SAQA or USAF proving that the applicant's highest school qualification is equal to or superior to the National Senior Certificate issued in South Africa.

See "Evaluations of Foreign Qualifications" (<https://www.saqa.org.za/evaluations-foreign-qualifications>), under services on the SAQA website.

Due to privacy laws, all applications to SAQA or USAF must be done by the student directly and IHS is not able to assist in this process. Applications can be done online directly through their website. Fees do apply which are payable directly to SAQA or USAF.

Applying for a Degree or Higher Certificate you can use: <https://www.saqa.org.za/>

Applying for a Degree you can use: <https://mb.usaf.ac.za/>

Study Permit

International students wanting to study in South Africa must apply for a study permit at the South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in **their country of origin**. If there is no South African representative in your country, your application should be directed to the Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in the country nearest to your home country. Study permits are issued for specific academic institutions. Applicants can only apply for a study permit once they have received a provisional acceptance letter from a South African Educational Institution.

The South African Embassy/Mission will only consider the applications of students who comply with the following:

- An application form
- A study permit fee
- A valid passport
- An official letter from the relevant institution confirming provisional acceptance at that institution and the duration of the course
- A medical certificate
- Proof of medical insurance coverage recognised in South Africa
- A repatriation guarantee
- Proof of sufficient financial means for the full duration of the course including living and programme expenses
- To notify the department by means of an undertaking on completion of studies
- Details regarding arranged accommodation
- Vaccination certificate (if required)

If the applicant is under the age of 21 years, in addition to the above requirements, you would need to submit:

- Particulars and confirmation of the person in South Africa who will act as the applicant's guardian.
- Proof of consent for the intended stay from the custodian of the applicant.

A study permit does not entitle the holder to conduct work, however the Department of Home Affairs may, in appropriate cases, authorise the holder of a study permit to conduct work as practical training in a field related to their studies.

Education institutions must provide a prescribed periodic certification that the student is performing satisfactorily in their curriculum of study and must notify the Department of Home Affairs when the student has completed their studies or is no longer performing satisfactorily.



Tuition Fees

Tuition fees vary depending on the selected programme of the applicant. International students are required to settle the full tuition fees up front to enrol for a programme. Students applying to our residence (only applicable to female applicants applying to the Durban Campus) are required to settle the year's residence fees up front in full to stay at our residence. In terms of International Hotel School's requirements for a study permit and payment terms, below is a list of scenarios which may apply to an international applicant:

- International applicants with a foreign sponsor residing outside of South Africa, or a foreign sponsor on a Work Visa/Asylum Visa/Refugee Permit residing in South Africa:
Requirement: Fees to be paid in full before registration.
- International applicants with a foreign sponsor who has permanent residency in South Africa and a South African bank account:
Requirement: Full deposit, signed payment plan and debit order.

Please note that all the above scenarios are subject to a Credit Check Authorisation.



Residence

Off-Campus Residence

Applicable to all campuses. Each campus has a network of external service providers who offer accommodation. International applicants who are interested in finding out more must contact the campus for further information.

Durban Campus Residence

The Durban campus residence accommodates female students only. Due to limited space, applicants must apply early to avoid disappointment. It offers security access, a kitchenette on each floor, a student lounge and parking space. The residence is self-catering, and students must maintain their own rooms.

Application

International students must apply for residence using the Campus Residence Application Form.

Selection

Admission to residence is based on first come first serve. IHS cannot guarantee that applicants will be offered a place in residence if they are offered a place to study at the school, and it may be necessary for them to find accommodation off-campus. All residence students are required to sign a Residence Code of Conduct.

Fees

Residence fees consist of an accommodation charge per month (there is an accommodation deposit) these fees do not include the cost of meals. International students are required to pay residence fees in full for the year before registration.

General

Residence is self-catering and self-cleaning rooms. Students are responsible for their own crockery, cutlery, pots, cooking utensils, linen and laundry. A pay-as-you-use laundry facility is available on site. In addition, food outlets are available near the campus. Students may stay in residence during their vacations upon approval from the campus Managing Executive.



Medical Aid

Prior to submitting your study permit application, it is recommended that students obtain Medical Insurance in South Africa. Applicants are advised to carefully investigate the cost, duration and benefits of the different providers.

Opening a South African Bank Account

The procedure for opening a bank account in South Africa relates directly to the type of visa you have been granted. As an international student with a valid study permit, you may be allowed to open a resident's student account.

It's important to research all possible banks' services and ascertain which bank will give you the best deal and what is required to apply.



Application and Enrolment Procedure

Prospective international applicants must acquire the relevant documentation from the SAQA or USAF proving that the applicant's highest school qualification is equal or superior to the National Senior Certificate issued in South Africa.

- Step 1:** Applicant must complete an application form online at www.hotelschool.co.za/apply
- Step 2:** An admissions consultant from International Hotel School will contact the applicant to schedule a meeting which will be conducted virtually.
- Step 3:** After the meeting, should the applicant be successful, the applicant needs to pay the Application Fee (non-refundable). A provisional letter of acceptance will be issued. The applicant must submit their SAQA/USAF evaluation request directly to SAQA/USAF. Once received, the evaluation certificate needs to be submitted to International Hotel School.
- Step 4:** Upon receipt of the evaluation certificate, the applicant needs to sign the tuition agreement and pay the deposit/tuition fees.
- Please read through the Tuition Agreement carefully. This must be signed and returned as soon as possible.
- To complete the enrolment, the following documents are required:
- Proof of payment of the Application Fee, deposit, the full tuition fees, and signed Tuition Contract.
 - Certified copies of qualifications obtained.
 - Certified copy of applicant's passport.
 - Foreign Qualification Evaluation (SAQA evaluation certificate as noted above).
- Step 5:** Upon receipt of the applicant's payment noted above, International Hotel School will issue a Visa Application Letter, which is needed by the applicant to apply for a Study Visa.
- Step 6:** The applicant must apply for a study permit at the South African Embassy or Mission in their home country.
- Step 7:** Once International Hotel School receives the Study Visa, the student will be guaranteed a place for the applied intake.
- Step 8:** Only after the applicant has obtained a Study Visa and all other prerequisites noted above have been met, may they depart for South Africa.

As it takes time to comply with all the necessary requirements, it is suggested that applicants start with the application process as soon as possible.

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