

WACS GLOBAL CULINARY RECOGNITION SCHEME

INVITATION TO CITY & GUILDS CENTRES TO APPLY FOR FAST TRACK APPROVALS

City & Guilds is proud to be working with the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS) to drive up standards within the culinary industry. The partnership has already resulted in two major initiatives which are now accessible to City & Guilds approved centres:

- 'recognition of quality culinary education' award
- global culinary certification scheme.

Eligible City & Guilds centres are invited to apply for fast track approval under each of the above initiatives, as outlined in this leaflet. This invitation is exclusive to City & Guilds centres approved to deliver the international professional cookery qualifications (7100, 7138, 8065).

'Recognition of quality culinary education' award

About the award

The award seeks to recognise companies, associations or institutions which offer culinary and pastry art programmes that meet or exceed the quality culinary education standards set by WACS. More information:

<http://www.worldchefs.org/en/education/recognition-quality-culinary-education>

Eligibility criteria for fast track approval

The following are the eligibility criteria for fast track approval:

- approval as City & Guilds centre
- delivery of the international professional cookery qualification(s) (7100, 7138, 8065) and
- minimum two years of trading history.

Global culinary certification scheme

About the scheme

The scheme is the first global culinary certification scheme in the world. It recognises skills and experience gained while working in the industry and reflects the typical career progression within the culinary profession.

For more information, please visit www.worldchefs.org/certification.

Eligibility criteria for fast track approval (silver status)

The following are the eligibility criteria for fast track approval:

- approval as a City & Guilds centre
- delivery of a City & Guilds qualification approved by WACS for the fast track route (see page 3 for details)
- achievement of the 'recognition of quality culinary education' award for the culinary programme which leads to an eligible City & Guilds qualification.

‘Recognition of quality culinary education’ award

Fast track approval process

City & Guilds approved centres which deliver the international professional cookery qualifications (8065) and have been operating for at least five years are eligible to apply, through a fast-track process, for the WACS ‘recognition of quality culinary education’ award.

Eligible City & Guilds centres are automatically considered to have met the requirements for eight of the 12 WACS standards and only required to submit evidence against the remaining four standards, as shown in the table under the ‘Application process’ section below.

Next steps

Interested centres that meet the eligibility criteria (see first page) should first read the ‘Application process’ section for instructions on how to fill in the application form and then apply online, on the WACS website: <http://www.worldchefs.org/en/education/recognition-quality-culinary-education>.

Application process

Eligible centres are only required to submit evidence against the remaining standards which are marked with the ‘documents’ sign (📄), as outlined in the table below.

WACS ‘Recognition of Quality Culinary Education’ standards	Met by City & Guilds centre?	Action required by City & Guilds centre
Step 1: Culinary Director’s Profile	✓	Include information in the application form (for administration)
Step 2: Faculty Credentials	✓	Include information in the application form (for administration)
Step 3: Programme Details	📄	Include information on the number of students enrolled and major subject areas covered
Step 4: Formal Lesson Delivery Models	📄	Submit evidence required by WACS
Step 5: Facilities	✓	Attach photographs of the facilities (for administration)
Step 6: Commitment and Support	✓	Include note* confirming approval status in the application form
Step 7: Mission Statement	📄	Submit evidence required by WACS
Step 8: Sanitation, Food Safety and Hygiene	✓	Include note* confirming approval status in the application form
Step 9: Learning Resources	📄	Submit evidence required by WACS
Step 10: Industry Support	📄	Submit evidence required by WACS
Step 11: Grievances Policies	✓	Include note* confirming approval status in the application form
Step 12: Business License	✓	Attach centre and qualification approval certificates in the application form

Key: ✓ requirement met

📄: evidence to be submitted to WACS

*Note to be included in the application form:

‘City & Guilds approved centre – standard met as per collaboration agreement’

Global culinary certification scheme

Fast track approval process

Centres delivering a culinary programme which leads to a City & Guilds qualification approved by WACS for fast track status and has been awarded the 'recognition of quality culinary education' title are eligible to apply for 'silver' fast track status at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level of the WACS global certification scheme.

The Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level is the first of the nine levels which make up the WACS certification scheme. The scheme reflects the typical career progression within the industry, tracking the skills and experience that cooks, chefs and culinary educators develop as they progress within the profession.

'WACS gold' fast track status

The 'gold' fast track status means that graduates from a WACS approved City & Guilds qualification are eligible for full exemption from assessment at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level:

- Graduates will be eligible for automatic certification at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level upon graduation from the City & Guilds programme.
- Graduates will still be required to make an application online on the WACS website and pay the application fee, but their City & Guilds certificate will make them eligible for automatic certification at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level.

'WACS silver' fast track status

The 'silver' fast track status means that graduates from a WACS approved City & Guilds qualification are eligible for partial exemption from assessment at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level:

- Graduates will be required to complete a number of months in the industry upon graduation (to make up three years of experience in total) and will then be eligible for automatic certification at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level.
- Graduates will still be required to make an application online on the WACS website and pay the application fee, but their City & Guilds certificate, combined with the industry experience, will make them eligible for automatic certification at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level.

City & Guilds qualifications eligible for 'gold' fast track status

Learners who graduate from a culinary programme which meets the following requirements will qualify for 'gold' fast track status:

- Programme leads to the completion of the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery (7100)
- Programme is delivered over a period of three years
- Programme has been awarded the WACS 'recognition of quality culinary education' title.

City & Guilds qualifications eligible for 'silver' fast track status

Learners who graduate from a culinary programme which meets the following requirements will qualify for 'silver' fast track status*:

- Programme leads to the completion of one of the following City & Guilds qualifications:
 - Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery (7100)
 - Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery (7100)
 - Level 2 Diploma in Culinary Skills (7138)
 - Level 2 Diploma in Food Preparation and Culinary Arts (8065)
- Programme has been awarded the WACS 'recognition of quality culinary education' title.

* Graduates will be required to complete a number of months in the industry upon graduation (to make up three years of experience in total) to be eligible for automatic certification at the Professional Cook (Commis Chef) level.

Next steps

Interested centres will be required to have achieved the WACS 'recognition of quality culinary education' award for the training programme which underpins the delivery of the City & Guilds qualification listed under the 'City & Guilds qualifications eligible for 'silver' / 'gold' fast track status'.

Once the centre has achieved the 'recognition of quality culinary education' award for the culinary programme, they should request the mapping template from WACS by sending an email to rqce@worldchefs.org. There is no fee involved in the mapping.

Application process

City & Guilds centres will be required to do the following to obtain 'gold' or 'silver' fast track status:

1. Complete the mapping template
2. Submit the completed mapping template to WACS
3. Sign and return the confirmation letter

The confirmation letter will be sent to the centre if the mapping is successful.

Once the signed mapping confirmation letter is received by WACS, the 'silver' fast track status becomes valid and the centre will receive the relevant fast track documents from WACS.

4. Start promoting the fast track route to graduates.