
Qualifications Specification

**TQTA Level 2 Awards and Certificate
in Hospitality Practice**

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1. Introduction

Overview

The purpose of this Qualification Specification is to provide an overview of the DMA and international collaborators' Level 2 Awards and Certificate in Hospitality Practice qualifications. This document contains information about each of the following DMA and international collaborators' Level 2 qualifications in Hospitality Practice:

| Ofqual QAN | Qualification Title |
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| 603/4812/4 | Level 2 Award in Restaurant and Bar Service. |
| 603/4815/X | Level 2 Award in Housekeeping. |
| 603/4816/1 | Level 2 Award in Front Office. |
| 603/4817/3 | Level 2 Award in Hospitality Practice. |
| 603/4818/5 | Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality Practice. |

The document covers the aims, qualification level, size, structure and content including learning outcomes and assessment criteria for each unit, together with sample assessment materials. This qualification includes guidance relating to approval requirements, delivery and assessment, details of grading criteria and the grading of units and the qualification.

Purpose of the Qualifications

The purpose is to provide qualifications that:

- provide learners with an understanding of the hospitality industry and of the key functions within a hotel.
 - provide practical awards that complement academic studies.
 - enable learners to gain credits towards higher education.
 - enable learners to develop practical skills that can be applied in a vocational context.
 - provide an introduction to the basic skills of learners entering the hospitality industry.
- Progression Opportunities**

The TQTA Hospitality Practice qualifications provide an ideal starting point for learners starting out in the Hospitality sector, either after leaving school or as a returner to work or when switching careers. On successful completion learners can progress on to Level 3 qualifications, including the TQTA, DMA and international collaborators' Level 3 Foundation Diploma qualifications in Hospitality and Tourism, or in Hospitality Business.

2. Admission & Entry Requirements

Approved TQTA Centers are responsible for checking applications against the following admission requirements and ensuring that students can fulfill the demands of the qualifications and complete them successfully, prior to admission and enrollment.

TQTA checks the eligibility of each student by conducting an initial assessment before the start of the program in accordance with the requirements of DMA and international collaborators.

| Requirements | Recommended Admission Requirements |
|--------------|---|
| All Learners | ✓ Minimum Age 16 at enrolment. |
| | ✓ English Language All learners without English as a first language must hold at least IELTS 4.5 or other evidence of competence in English at this level. The course is taught in English and assessed by practical and written examinations in the English language; intermediate level language skills are essential. |
| | ✓ Education TQTA may use its discretion for students they believe can successfully complete the qualification, provided it complies with DMA and local legal requirements. However, all students should have completed full-time secondary education up to age 16. |

TQTA Membership Registration

All students are registered as TQTA Members at the start of the course.

3. Centre Approval Requirements

- ✓ Teaching Facilities
- ✓ Visits
- ✓ Training Staff
- ✓ Continuous Professional Development

TQTA is a center approved by DMA and international collaborators.

TQTA has been evaluated by collaborating institutions according to a set of criteria including availability of appropriate teaching accommodation and staff, experience in delivering qualifications at a similar level, and evidence of expertise in academically-related areas including planning the delivery of courses leading to regulated qualifications, quality assurance, and prevention of malpractice and maladministration.

TQTA's educational areas, equipment, training curriculum, and educators have been approved by collaborating institutions. Our academy has classrooms for teaching, discussion, and role-playing. Our academy has been approved because it has appropriate facilities for the practical parts of the qualifications outlined below: These facilities are open to students during scheduled hours for demonstrations, practice, formative testing, and final observed assessments. The approval to deliver various qualifications in the Restaurant Front Office Services qualification portfolio has been confirmed after inspections.

| Units | Facilities Summary |
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| Customer Service Skills | Classroom and facilities below for observations with feedback throughout the course. |
| Restaurant and Bar Service 1 & 2 | A mock restaurant with 5 dining tables plus a separate bar, both fully equipped with 20 sets of crockery, cutlery, and several sets of glassware for different drinks. We also have a practice restaurant available. |
| Housekeeping 1 & 2 | A mock restaurant or bar equipped with various glasses and different types of wines. |

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| Reception and Reservations | A 'Front Office' reservations desk set up with associated facilities such as key cards, brochure rack, flowers. Access to a computerised reservations system, for example Opera, is an advantage, or templates for taking and tracking reservations, density charts, bedroom book, etc. |
| Concierge and Guest Services | Concierge desk set up, including a computer for internet research and bookings. |

Teaching staff also provide students with documented standards illustrating the facilities and service levels for each unit at various types of establishments (e.g., luxury restaurants, 5* hotel restaurants or bars, neighborhood cafés, etc.). A detailed list of equipment required for each of the above facilities is included at the end of this document. Students are also provided with suitable teaching rooms, IT facilities, and an appropriate examination room. Accommodation and equipment used for the delivery of qualifications comply with Azerbaijan food safety, State Employment Agency, and other local health and safety legislation. Our academy also provides an appropriate area and facilities for student relaxation and recreation.

Visits

TQTA will arrange visits for students to different categories of hotels, bars, and/or restaurants to observe and understand the differences in facilities and service types and levels in each department. In accordance with the requirements of DMA and other international partners, staff practicing in these locations are monitored, and their training is supervised according to established criteria.

TQTA Staff

Staff delivering these qualifications must be able to demonstrate that they meet the following requirements:

- Be occupationally competent or technically knowledgeable in the area they are teaching.
- Have recent relevant experience in the specific area they will be assessing or verifying.
- Hold a teaching qualification as well as a relevant qualification at Level 3 (A level equivalent) or above.
- Ideally, possess an assessor and/or internal verifier qualification.

TQTA has had teachers' qualifications, including CVs and certificates, approved by DMA and international collaborators. Teaching staff who have not been approved cannot teach. TQTA has an Internal Verifier and a quality assurance officer.

Continuing Professional Development

TQTA develops its staff through training and reciprocal visits to ensure they have current knowledge of the occupational area and that delivery, assessment, and internal verification align with current good practice and take into consideration relevant international regulatory requirements.

4. CTH Support

TQTA Delivery and Assessment Handbook

Our academy has been approved by DMA and our international partners to deliver one or more qualifications in Professional Restaurant Front Office Services and provides a comprehensive Delivery and Assessment Handbook designed for teaching staff, quality assurance staff, and administrators.

TQTA Workshops

Our academy invites our international partners to deliver our courses and places importance on training the trainers. Additionally, all our faculty members (Internal Verifiers) have participated in online training sessions with our international partners and CTH before conducting their first assessment sets for the Professional Restaurant Front Office Services qualification.

CTH Members Website and Resources

The CTH website, one of our important partner institutions, is available to both our academy's teaching staff and CTH students. Staff and students can access online resources, including relevant e-books and journals from EBSCO. Teaching staff can download past exam papers, assessments, and examiner reports.

5. Qualification Sizes and Level

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) regulates qualifications, exams, and assessments in England. The CTH Level 2 Hospitality Practice Awards and Certificate are vocational qualifications on the Ofqual Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and comply with the regulations specified in the Ofqual Handbook. Ofqual-regulated qualifications are recognized and trusted worldwide by parents, employers, and educational institutions due to the strict controls and quality assurance requirements that Ofqual applies to awarding bodies, qualifications, and approved delivery centers. Similarly, DMA fulfills this role in Azerbaijan. It conducts strict oversight on curriculum educational control and participation in examination committees. TQTA continuously updates the educational regulations of other partner institutions and adapts them to Azerbaijan.

Qualification Sizes

The dimension of any Ofqual RQF qualification is given as the Total Qualification Time (TQT) hours a student is expected to work to achieve a passing grade, rather than in units or credits. Hospitality Practice qualifications are designed to be delivered in the TQT hours shown below, with most being Guided Learning Hours (GLH). Delivery plans/Job Schemas and teaching curricula must be based on the TQT and GLH hours shown here:

| Ofqual QAN | Qualification | TQT | GLH |
|------------|---|-----|-----|
| 603/4812/4 | Level 2 Award in Restaurant and Bar Service | 80 | 65 |
| 603/4815/X | Level 2 Award in Housekeeping | 80 | 65 |
| 603/4816/1 | Level 2 Award in Front Office | 80 | 65 |
| 603/4817/3 | Level 2 Award in Hospitality Practice | 125 | 100 |
| 603/4818/5 | Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality Practice | 180 | 145 |

Definitions

- **Guided Learning Hours – GLH**

This is the amount of time the average learner is expected to spend in supervised learning and practice but may vary by learner.

- **Total Qualification Time – TQT**

TQT is made up of Guided Learning Hours plus all other time taken in preparation, study or any form of participation in education and training but not under the direct supervision of a lecturer or tutor.

The following activities are indicative of those included in TQT:

- Guided Learning (GLH) when the lecturer is present, e.g. formal classes, lectures, seminars, tutorials, supervised assessment, such as exams or observed practice.
- Independent and unsupervised learning or research.
- Unsupervised coursework or directed activity.
- Watching pre-recorded webinars or podcasts.
- Work placement, self-study, visits to hospitality or tourism outlets, revision and time spent on written assignments.

Learners completing this qualification should be able to demonstrate their ability as independent learners.

Qualification Level

The CTH Awards and Certificate qualifications in Hospitality Practice are at:

- Level 2 on the Ofqual Regulated Qualification Framework.

Equivalent to:

- Level 3 on the European Qualification Framework.
- Level 2 in DMA

CTH qualifications comply with level descriptors set by Ofqual, which are divided into two categories:

- Knowledge and understanding.
- Skills.

DMA INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS and CTH qualifications comply with level descriptors set by Ofqual and divided into two categories

Level 2 Knowledge descriptor:

The holder...

- has knowledge and understanding of facts, procedures, and ideas in an area of study or field of work to complete well-defined tasks and address straightforward problems.
- can interpret relevant information and ideas.
- is aware of a range of information that is relevant to the area of study or work.

Level 2 Skills descriptor:

The holder can...

- select and use relevant cognitive and practical skills to complete well-defined, generally routine tasks and address straightforward problems.
- identify, gather, and use relevant information to inform actions.
- identify how effective actions have been.

6. Qualification Structures

The qualification structures, units and sizing information for the CTH Level 2 Awards and Certificate in Hospitality Practice are summarised in the following tables. Further details of each unit are included later in this specification.

| CTH Level 2 Award in Restaurant & Bar Service | | | | | | |
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| For a CTH Level 2 Award in Restaurant & Bar Service qualification, learners must achieve all 3 units, providing 8 credits all at level 2. | | | | | | |
| Credit Value (CV): 8 | | | | QAN: 603/4812/4 | | |
| Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 65 hours | | | | Total Qualification Time (TQT): 80 hours | | |
| Unit | Unit Title | L | CV | GLH | Assessment Method | |
| CSS | Customer Service Skills | 2 | 3 | 25 | one observed practical examination, plus a single synoptic exam covering all units | |
| RBS1 | Restaurant & Bar Service 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | | |
| RBS2 | Restaurant & Bar Service 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | | |
| CTH Award Total (3 units) | | | 8 | 65 | | |

CTH Level 2 Award in Housekeeping

For a CTH Level 2 Award in Housekeeping qualification, learners must achieve all 3 units, providing 8 credits all at level 2.

| Credit Value (CV): 8 | | | QAN: 603/4815/X | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|
| Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 65 hours | | | Total Qualification Time (TQT): 80 hours | | |
| Unit | Unit Title | L | CV | GLH | Assessment Method |
| CSS | Customer Service Skills | 2 | 3 | 25 | one observed practical examination, plus a single synoptic exam covering all units |
| HK1 | Housekeeping 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| HK2 | Housekeeping 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| CTH Award Total (3 units) | | | 8 | 65 | |

CTH Level 2 Award in Front Office

For a CTH Level 2 Award in Front Office qualification, learners must achieve all 3 units, providing 8 credits all at level 2.

| Credit Value (CV): 8 | | | QAN: 603/4816/1 | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|
| Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 65 hours | | | Total Qualification Time (TQT): 80 hours | | |
| Unit | Unit Title | L | CV | GLH | Assessment Method |
| CSS | Customer Service Skills | 2 | 3 | 25 | one observed practical examination, plus a single synoptic exam covering all units |
| REC | Reception & Reservations | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| CGS | Concierge & Guest Services | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| CTH Award Total (3 units) | | | 8 | 65 | |

CTH Level 2 Award in Hospitality Practice

For a CTH Level 2 Award in Hospitality Practice qualification, learners must achieve all 4 units, providing 12 credits all at level 2.

| Credit Value (CV): 12 | | | QAN: 603/4817/3 | | |
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| Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 100 hours | | | Total Qualification Time (TQT): 125 hours | | |
| Unit | Unit Title | L | CV | GLH | Assessment Method |
| CSS | Customer Service Skills | 2 | 3 | 25 | three observed practical examinations, plus a single synoptic exam covering all units |
| RBS1 | Restaurant & Bar Service 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| HK1 | Housekeeping 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| REC | Reception & Reservations | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| CTH Award Total (4 units) | | | 12 | 100 | |

CTH Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality Practice

For a CTH Level 2 Certificate in Hospitality Practice qualification, learners must achieve all 7 units, providing 18 credits all at level 2.

| Credit Value (CV): 18 | | | QAN: 603/4818/5 | | |
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| Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 145 hours | | | Total Qualification Time (TQT): 180 hours | | |
| Unit | Unit Title | L | CV | GLH | Assessment Method |
| CSS | Customer Service Skills | 2 | 3 | 25 | three observed practical examinations, plus a single synoptic exam covering all units |
| RBS1 | Restaurant & Bar Service 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| RBS2 | Restaurant & Bar Service 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| HK1 | Housekeeping 1 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| HK2 | Housekeeping 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| REC | Reception & Reservations | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| CGS | Concierge & Guest Services | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| CTH Certificate Total (7 units) | | | 18 | 145 | |

7. Qualification Grading Criteria

The qualifications are awarded having either a Pass, Merit or Distinction grade. The table below shows the generic Ofqual grading criteria. These should be used by assessors and internal verifiers in conjunction with the mark scheme provided in the Delivery & Assessment Handbook.

Grading Criteria:

| Level 2 | | |
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| PASS 40% to 59% | MERIT 60% to 69% | DISTINCTION 70%+ |
| <p>To achieve a Pass grade, learners must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">meet the requirements of the assessment criteria and learning outcomes. | <p>To achieve a Merit grade, learners must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">meet the requirements of the assessment criteria and learning outcomes.identify the key issues in the area of study.interpret information and ideas in a rational way.substantiate judgments and support views with examples.address problems logically.produce work that is well presented, clear and well structured, with sources clearly referenced. | <p>To achieve a Distinction grade, learners must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">meet the requirements of the assessment criteria and learning outcomes.synthesize information and ideas from different sources.apply ideas and conclusions validly in different contexts.identify strengths, weaknesses and illogicalities in situations, ideas and theories.demonstrate in-depth understanding and knowledge of relevant issues in the area of study.use relevant and valid research and investigative techniques to solve problems.make well-argued conclusions or recommendations.present work that is neat, clear, well-structured, and coherent, with sources clearly referenced. |

8. Qualifications Assessments

Assessment Opportunities

Practical and synoptic exams are planned according to the requests of DMA and International Partners and notified to the relevant institution 3 weeks in advance. DMA sends a member to the exam commission. According to the requests of TQTA partners, exam papers are sent electronically to the relevant partner for scoring and evaluation, along with evidence and mark sheets from observed practical assessments.

Assessment Methods

The CTH Level 2 Hospitality Practice Awards and Certificate are practical vocational qualifications designed to provide students with skills required by employers in the hospitality sector. It is important that personnel planning to work in this sector have good customer service skills; therefore, these skills, including English communication, are assessed within each qualification.

The following assessment types are used for these qualifications:

- Observed practical exam(s) and reflective discussion.
- Synoptic written examination for each qualification containing a mix of short-answer and multiple-choice questions.

Assessment Responsibilities

TQTA is responsible for:

- Processing registrations and payments before providing access details according to partners' requests.

Practical Assessments:

- Preparing all assessment forms and mark sheets and presenting them to partners.

Synoptic Examination:

- Writing exam questions that cover assessment criteria.
- Scoring and reviewing all exams.

The Partners Examination Board will review all results before final results are issued as e-Certificates.

TQTA:

- Must ensure that all Partners' assessment registration fees are fully paid before the exam session.
- All students must submit government-issued photographic identity documents, including date of birth, prior to registration.
- Acceptable documents include passport, driver's license, or identity card. This document must be available for verification at the start of each assessment.
- Must prepare students for exams through classroom work questions and mock exams.
- Must contact CTH to arrange practical assessment and synoptic examination.
- Must electronically send assessment evidence to CTH via SharePoint.
- Must score and internally verify practical assessments using mark sheets and marking scheme provided by CTH.

***Internal Verification**

The internal verifier (IV) is a designated person from the Center responsible for verifying and approving assessment results and providing feedback to assessors. They must have a good understanding of the units/qualifications to be assessed.

The TQTA internal verifier ensures the quality of the assessment process within the Center. TQTA Internal Verifiers sample assessment decisions using a sampling plan that takes into account the risk assessment conducted as part of the academy's internal quality assurance strategy.

Internal verifiers also plan the observation of Center assessors during practical assessments and provide constructive feedback, especially to support new assessors.

9. Qualification Units

| Customer Service Skills | | CSS |
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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to the importance of hospitality behaviours such as personal conduct, being adaptable and communicating with a diverse range of people, to understand different customer types, needs and expectations, the benefits and consequences to the organisation of good and bad customer service, how to deal with customer requests effectively and how to deal with complaints from customers. | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 25 Hours | Credit Value: 3 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) |
| Unit Assessment is by: | Observed practical examination(s) and one synoptic exam. | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the importance of hospitality behaviours such as personal conduct, being adaptable and communicating with a diverse range of people. | |
| Assessment Criteria 1.1 Identify the behaviours required within a customer service department. 1.2 Explain why timekeeping attendance, personal appearance, personal presentation, and contact can impact on the business and brand reputation. 1.3 Demonstrate how to communicate clearly to establish a good rapport with customers and ask relevant questions to determine their needs. 1.4 Demonstrate how to give customers a positive impression of yourself. | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand different customer types, needs and expectations within a hospitality organisation. | |
| Assessment Criteria 2.1 Describe customer types. 2.2 Deliver excellent customer service in line with the business / brand standards with the aim of exceeding customer expectations. 2.3 Provide service correctly and check that the customer is satisfied. | | |

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| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand the benefits and consequences to the organisation of good and bad customer service. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| | <p>3.1 Explain the benefits of good customer service.</p> <p>3.2 Explain the consequences of bad customer service.</p> <p>3.3 Demonstrate how to provide good customer service in a range of hospitality departments.</p> |
| Learning Outcome 4 | Understand how to deal with customer requests effectively. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| | <p>4.1 Describe routine and special requests that customers may have and how to answer these.</p> <p>4.2 Provide answers to routine and special requests.</p> |
| Learning Outcome 5 | Understand how to deal with complaints from customers. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| | <p>5.1 Explain how to identify a customer has a problem.</p> <p>5.2 Explain how to show concern to a customer.</p> <p>5.3 Describe a variety of problems a customer may have.</p> <p>5.4 Demonstrate how to deal with customers who have a problem.</p> <p>5.5 Demonstrate how to deal with customers who are angry and are upset.</p> |

| Restaurant and Bar Service 1 | | RBS1 |
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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to a range of food and beverage service styles and standards within different types of hospitality operations, how to prepare a restaurant for service, how to serve customers in line with service style, how to clear dining and service areas after service. | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 25 Hours | Credit Value: 3 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the range of food service styles and standards within different types of hospitality operations. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Describe the range of food operations in a hospitality organisation. 1.2 Describe the different methods of food service and their requirements. 1.3 Explain the legal requirements of food hygiene, health, safety, and personal presentation when working with food and beverages. | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand how to prepare a restaurant for service | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Clean and store crockery and cutlery. 2.2 Prepare and clean areas for table and tray service. 2.3 Describe safe and hygienic working practices for preparing service areas and equipment for table and tray service. 2.4 Lay tables and trays in line with service styles. 2.5 Check menus and ensure they are available for customer use. | | |
| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand how to serve customers in line with service style. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Demonstrate how to greet and seat customers and take orders in a restaurant. 3.2 Process customer orders. 3.3 Serve customers in line with service style. | | |

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| Learning Outcome 4 | Understand how to clear dining and service areas after service. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| <p>4.1 Explain how food service areas should be left clean after service. 4.2 Explain and demonstrate how to store food items, condiments and accompaniments which will be used in the future as required. 4.3 Demonstrate how to dispose of rubbish and waste food following recommended procedures. 4.4 Demonstrate how customer and service areas are to be kept tidy, free from rubbish and ready for cleaning.</p> | |

| Restaurant and Bar Service 2 | | RBS2 |
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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to a range of beverage service styles and standards within different types of hospitality operations, to introduce learners to the variety of hot and cold and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and their basic characteristics, how to prepare a bar for service, how to serve customers in line with service style and how to clear bar and service areas after service. As well as the legal requirements of food hygiene, health and safety with a hospitality environment. | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 15 Hours | Credit Value: 2 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the range of beverage service styles and standards within different types of hospitality operations | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Describe the range of beverage operations in a hospitality organisation. 1.2 Explain the legal requirements of working with alcoholic beverages. 1.3 Describe the different methods of beverage service and their requirements. | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand the variety of hot and cold and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and their basic characteristics. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Describe the range of alcoholic beverages available in a hospitality organisation. 2.2 Describe the different types of non-alcoholic hot and cold beverages, in particular coffee and tea, and the methods of preparing and serving them. 2.3 Describe and demonstrate the different methods of hot and cold beverage service and their requirements. | | |
| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand how to prepare a bar for service. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Clean and store glassware. 3.2 Prepare and clean areas for table and tray service. 3.3 Describe safe and hygienic working practices for preparing service areas and equipment for table and tray service. 3.4 Lay bar and tables in line with service styles. | | |

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| Learning Outcome 4 | Understand how to serve customers in line with service style. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| | <p>4.1 Greet and deal with customers promptly.</p> <p>4.2 Provide customers with accurate information about drinks and identify their requirements.</p> <p>4.3 Dispense and serve drinks in the correct measures and at the recommended temperature.</p> <p>4.4 Promote additional products as appropriate.</p> <p>4.5 Serve drinks in line with the appropriate service style and legal requirements</p> |
| Learning Outcome 5 | Understand how to clear bar and service areas after service. |
| Assessment Criteria | |
| | <p>5.1 Store drinks, drink accompaniments and additional products for service correctly and maintain them at the required level.</p> <p>5.2 Keep service areas equipment clean hygienic, tidy, and ready to use.</p> <p>5.3 Keep customer and service areas clean, tidy, and free from rubbish.</p> <p>5.4 Empty waste bins and bottle containers as necessary.</p> |

| Housekeeping 1 | | HK1 | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to the function and activities of the housekeeping department, how to clean and service hotel bedrooms, toilets, and bathrooms. | | | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 25 Hours | Credit Value: 3 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) | | |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | | | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the function of the housekeeping department. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| 1.1 Describe the role and function of the housekeeping department. 1.2 Identify the different sections and staff within the housekeeping department. | | | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand and demonstrate how to clean and service hotel bedrooms. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| 2.1. Demonstrate how to clean hotel bedrooms using the correct cleaning equipment and materials. 2.2. Demonstrate how to strip and make beds. | | | | |
| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand and demonstrate how to clean and service toilets and bathrooms. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| 3.1 Explain how to prepare bathroom and toilet areas for cleaning. 3.2 Explain how to select the correct cleaning equipment and materials for use when cleaning toilet and bathroom areas. 3.3 Demonstrate how to clean bathroom suites and fittings and surrounding areas correctly. 3.4 Demonstrate how to clean floors, walls, mirrors, and other areas following correct procedures. | | | | |

Housekeeping 2

HK2

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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to the services offered by the housekeeping department, how to check that hotel bedrooms, toilets and bathrooms have been serviced correctly and how to clean and service a range of hotel public areas. | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 15 Hours | Credit Value: 2 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the scope of the housekeeping department. | |

Assessment Criteria

- 1.1 Explain the interrelationships between housekeeping and the other departments within the hotel.
- 1.2 Describe the services offered by the housekeeping department to support customers' needs.

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| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand the role of the housekeeping in managing hotel linen and uniforms. |
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Assessment Criteria

- 2.1 Explain how hotel linen is stored, cleaned, and issued.
- 2.2 Explain how staff uniforms are stored, cleaned, and issued.

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| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand and demonstrate how to check hotel bedrooms have been cleaned and serviced correctly. |
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Assessment Criteria

- 3.1 Describe how to make a final check of the bedroom area to ensure customer satisfaction.
- 3.2 Demonstrate how to make a final check of the bedroom area to ensure customer satisfaction.

Learning Outcome 4

Understand and demonstrate how to check toilets and bathrooms have been cleaned and serviced correctly.

Assessment Criteria

- 4.1 Describe how to make a final check of the bathroom area to ensure customer satisfaction.
- 4.2 Demonstrate how to make a final check of the bathroom area to ensure customer satisfaction.

Learning Outcome 5

Identify and demonstrate how to clean public areas.

Assessment Criteria

- 5.1 Identify public areas housekeeping is responsible for cleaning.
- 5.2 Demonstrate how to clean public areas in a hotel.

| Reception and Reservations | | REC | | |
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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | The aim of this unit is to introduce learners to the scope of the front office operations department within a hospitality business, understand how to take bookings for guests, how to provide a guest arrival and guest departure service, and how to work in a reception office. | | | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 25 Hours | Credit Value: 3 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) | | |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | | | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the scope of the front office operations department within a hospitality business. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| <p>1.1 Describe the role and responsibilities of front office operations (reception, advanced reservations, cashiering, guest relations).</p> <p>1.2 Describe the links between front office staff and other departments.</p> <p>1.3 Describe the services offered by the front office department to support customers' needs.</p> | | | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand and demonstrate how to take bookings for guests. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| <p>2.1. Describe different room tariff types.</p> <p>2.2. Explain how to take a room booking and the information required.</p> <p>2.3. Demonstrate how to take a room booking over the telephone and face to face.</p> <p>2.4. Identify the reasons for recording guest history and its use.</p> | | | | |
| Learning Outcome 3 | Understand and demonstrate how to provide a guest arrival and guest departure service. | | | |
| Assessment Criteria | | | | |
| <p>3.1 Describe the process of greeting and welcoming arriving guests.</p> <p>3.2 State the registration information which should be recorded on arrival of guests.</p> <p>3.3 Demonstrate how to handle a guest arrival.</p> <p>3.4 Explain why guest accounts must be regularly updated and how additional charges are recorded.</p> <p>3.5 Describe the different methods of settling accounts.</p> <p>3.6 Demonstrate how to handle a guest check-out.</p> | | | | |

Learning Outcome 4

Understand and demonstrate how to work in a hotel reception office.

Assessment Criteria

- 4.1 Identify the responsibilities of the reception office.
- 4.2 Communicate in a business environment.
- 4.3 Demonstrate how to file documents according to organisational procedures.
- 4.4 Describe how to safeguard guest information.

| Concierge and Guest Services | | CGS |
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| Unit Purpose and Aim(s) | This unit aims to introduce learners to the scope of the concierge and guest services departments within a hospitality business and how to promote products and services to guests. | |
| Unit Level: 2 | Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 15 Hours | Credit Value: 2 Credits (1 credit is 10 hours total study/TQT) |
| Unit Assessment is by: | One observed practical examination and one synoptic exam. | |
| Learning Outcome 1 | Understand the scope of the concierge and guest services departments within a hospitality business. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Define the role and responsibilities of concierge and guest services. 1.2 Describe the links between concierge and guest services and other departments. 1.3 Describe the services offered by the concierge and guest services department to support customers' needs. | | |
| Learning Outcome 2 | Understand and demonstrate how to promote products and services to guests. | |
| Assessment Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Demonstrate how to promote the hotel's services. 2.2 Explain why it is important to have product knowledge as well as knowledge of the local amenities that guests may enquire about. 2.3 Demonstrate how to address customer's requests. 2.4 Demonstrate how to establish a rapport with guests. | | |

10. Assessment Samples

Observed Practical Examination(s)

The following are examples of activities in the practical exams for each unit:

| Unit | Activity (numbering refers to Learning outcome/assessment criteria, e.g. 1.3) |
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| Customer Service Skills | 1.3 Demonstrate how to communicate clearly to establish a good rapport with customers and ask relevant questions to determine their needs. 2.3 Provide service correctly and check that the customer is satisfied. 5.4 Demonstrate how to deal with customers who have a problem. 2.2 Prepare and clean areas for table and tray service. |
| Restaurant and Bar Service 1 | 3.1 Demonstrate how to greet and seat customers and take orders in a restaurant. 3.3 Serve customers in line with service style. |
| Restaurant and Bar Service 2 | 4.2 Provide customers with accurate information about drinks and identify their requirements. 4.3 Dispense and serve drinks in the correct measures and at the recommended temperature. 4.4 Promote additional products as appropriate. |
| Housekeeping 1 | 2.1 Demonstrate how to clean hotel bedrooms using the correct cleaning equipment and materials. 2.3 Demonstrate how to strip and make beds. 3.3 Demonstrate how to clean bathroom suites and fittings and surrounding areas correctly. 3.2 Demonstrate how to make a final check of the bedroom area to ensure customer satisfaction. |
| Housekeeping 2 | 3.3 Demonstrate how to make a final check of the toilet and bathroom area to ensure customer satisfaction. 2.3 Demonstrate how to take a room booking over the telephone and face to face. |
| Reception and Reservations | 3.6 Demonstrate how to handle a guest check-out. 4.2 Communicate in a business environment. 2.1 Demonstrate how to promote the hotel's services. |
| Concierge and Guest Service | 2.3 Demonstrate how to address customer's requests. 2.4 Demonstrate how to establish a rapport with guests. |

Synoptic Examination

Sample questions (mixture of short answer and multiple choice)

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| Question 1a | Olga has been appointed as an assistant concierge at a five-star hotel. What is the purpose of the role? | 2 marks |
| Question 1b | List two responsibilities of the role. a) _____ b) _____ | 2 marks |
| Question 2 | A feature of excellent customer service is: a) Telling the customer about yourself. b) Minimum customer interaction and contact. c) Seeing the customer as a commodity. d) Open body language & professional communication. | 1 mark |
| Question 3 | If you were not able to answer a customer's question, query or problem, the FIRST thing you should do is: a) Turn away and hope they will leave. b) Ask a colleague or supervisor to help. c) Tell them to come back later. d) Tell the customer you do not know the answer. | 1 mark |
| Question 4 | Write down three ways a waiter/waitress could promote a positive impression through appearance and hygiene. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ | 6 marks |

11. Resources and/or Equipment Required to Deliver the Qualifications

| Unit | Development / Resource | ü |
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| Customer Service Skills | <p>The Centre will be required to devise a set of brand standards to be used for assessment of learners demonstrating that they can deliver excellent customer service in line with business/brand standards.</p> <p>Centres will be required to document the required standards for personal appearance and personal presentation.</p> <p>Centres will be required to document a customer complaints policy.</p> | |

| Unit | Development / Resource | ü |
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| Restaurant and Bar Service 1 & 2 | <p>A booklet prepared by the Centre outlining the range of Country legislation relating to food hygiene, health & safety and personal presentation.</p> <p>The Centre will be required to devise a set of brand standards for the restaurant and bar.</p> <p>Minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 cups 20 saucers 20 mugs 20 dinner plates 20 side plates 20 dessert plates 20 soup bowls 20 teaspoons 20 large knives and forks 20 soup spoons 20 dessert spoons 20 dessert forks 10 vegetable dishes 10 stainless steel flats 40 service spoons and forks 5 sauce-boats 5 round anti-slip trays 5 wooden trays 10 buffet serving dishes 5 bread baskets Bread-basket display 5 soup tureens | |

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| | 5 soup ladles |
| | 4 plate cloches |
| | 5 cake- stands |
| | 5 tables suitable for restaurant service at the correct height |
| | 20 chairs at the correct height for tables |
| | 10 tablecloths to fit tables |
| | Linen or paper napkins |
| | Tray- liners for room service trays |
| | 5 menu holders |
| | 5 drink menu holders |
| | Centre to prepare a selection of drinks menus |
| | Centre to prepare a select of different menus (breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner) |
| | Cleaning cloths |
| | Cleaning fluid |
| | Storage unit/dumb waiter for storage of crockery & cutlery |
| | 5 salt and pepper sets |
| | Condiment holders |
| | Food waste bins and liners |
| | Bottle bin |
| | 20 red wine glasses |
| | 20 white wines glasses |
| | 20 water glasses |
| | 10 beer glasses |
| | 10 hi-ball and tumblers |
| | 10 champagne glasses |
| | 10 whiskey glasses |
| | Glass cloths |
| | 5 Tea pots |
| | 5 Coffee pots |
| | 5 flower vases |
| | 3 optics (for wall- mounting) |
| | 5 optics for bottles or 5 measures |
| | 2 cocktail shakers |
| | Wine rack |
| | Ice buckets |
| | Ice bucket stand |
| | An electronic system or manual system for taking for food and drink orders. |
| | Order pads – if manual system. |

| Unit | Development / Resource | ü |
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| Housekeeping | The Centre will be required to devise a set of brand standards for housekeeping: | |
| 1 & 2 | Room with carpet | |
| | Double bed base | |
| | Mattress & 4 Pillows | |
| | 2 Flat sheets | |
| | Double quilt or blankets and bedspread | |
| | 1 runner | |
| | 2 cushions | |
| | 2 bedside tables/nightstands | |
| | 1 mirror | |
| | 1 picture | |
| | Coffee/tea- tray | |
| | Mugs and kettle | |
| | Hanging space for clothes | |
| | Hangers | |
| | Iron/ironing board | |
| | telephone | |
| | Telephone directory | |
| | Bible | |
| | TV | |
| | Hairdryer | |
| | Magazines | |
| | Table | |
| | Map of corridor with fire route | |
| | Functional bathroom (sink, toilet, shower/bath) | |
| | Shower soap dish | |
| | Toilet roll holder | |
| | Soap dispenser/Shower gel dispenser | |
| | Toilet seal | |
| | 2 bath towels & 2 hand towels | |
| | Tissues | |
| | Appropriate cleaning materials for the bathroom | |
| | Toilet brush and spare head | |
| | Cleaning cloths | |
| | Access to flooring, which is carpeted, laminate flooring and ceramic tiles. | |
| | Vacuum cleaner | |
| | Mop and bucket | |
| | Two operational telephones | |
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| Unit | Development / Resource | Ü |
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| Reception and Reservations | The Centre will be required to devise a set of brand standards for reception: | |
| | Templates for taking down details for a room reservation, reservations rack, density charts, or bedroom book Or access to Opera system or other (software available online) | |
| | Reservations desk set up | |
| | Flowers | |
| | Brochure rack | |
| | Filing cabinet or computer to file information | |
| | Brochure rack | |

| Unit | Development / Resource | Ü |
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| Concierge and Guest Services | The Centre will be required to devise a set of brand standards for the concierge and guest services: | |
| | Concierge desk set up | |
| | Templates for room cards | |
| | Keys – key cards | |

12. About TQTA & Our Certification Partners

About Turan Gastro Tourism Academy (TQTA)

Turan Gastro Tourism Academy (TQTA) is a leading professional training institution specializing in culinary arts, gastronomy, hospitality, and tourism education. Established to elevate the standards of vocational training in Azerbaijan, TQTA collaborates with industry professionals, international partners, and governmental agencies to provide students with globally recognized certifications.

At TQTA, our curriculum is designed to meet both national and international industry requirements, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for careers in hospitality, culinary arts, and tourism management. Our training programs integrate practical experience, theoretical knowledge, and industry partnerships, making our graduates highly competitive in the job market.

As part of our commitment to excellence, we work closely with renowned awarding organizations and accreditation bodies to provide globally recognized qualifications for our students.

Our Certification Partners

Confederation of Tourism & Hospitality (CTH)

CTH, the Confederation of Tourism & Hospitality, is a UK-based awarding organization that has been setting the gold standard in hospitality, culinary, travel, and tourism qualifications since 1982. Recognized by Ofqual (UK's official regulatory body), CTH collaborates with education providers and industry professionals worldwide to ensure high-quality vocational training.

CTH offers a range of regulated qualifications listed in Ofqual's Register of Regulated Qualifications. In addition, they support customized unit qualifications to meet the specific needs of different regions and training institutions.

 Location: CTH headquarters is located in central London, United Kingdom, and maintains strong ties with hospitality and tourism professionals worldwide.

Other International Certification Provider

TQTA also collaborates with various recognized certification bodies to ensure our students receive reputable certifications in the fields of gastronomy, hospitality, and tourism. Our partnering organizations include:

- Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University - Culinary Certificate Program
- Selçuk University - Academic consultancy, curriculum and educational support
- Azerbaijan State Employment Agency (DMA) - Azerbaijan Vocational Certification Program

Our collaboration with the State Employment Agency is conducted in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Education" and "On Vocational Education." Under this legislation, vocational training is provided to job seekers and unemployed individuals in courses lasting up to six months.

Students who complete vocational training and successfully pass their examinations are awarded sealed diplomas, certificates, or other documents appropriate to the educational content.

Policies & Accreditation Standards

All certification providers working with TQTA adhere to quality assurance policies that comply with DMA regulations, HACCP food safety standards, and international accreditation frameworks. These policies govern:

- The administration and delivery of training programs.
- Assessment and examination procedures to ensure fair and transparent evaluation.
- Recognition of prior learning (RPL) for experienced professionals seeking formal qualifications.