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Taste Accreditation Awards – information for applicants

Participation is open to any business meeting the Minimum Entry Criteria, which are:

- The sale of freshly prepared and/or cooked food for consumption by visitors at the premises.
- Hold Public Liability Insurance Cover (£2,000,000 minimum).
- Demonstrate compliance with relevant statutory requirements.
- Registration for participation, including payment of registration fee on application
- Agree to follow the Quality Development's Code of Practice.

This scheme is aimed at stand-alone premises, or for food outlets in visitor accommodation establishments that are not the main restaurant or dining facility for staying guests. Those facilities already receive a Guest Taste dining assessment as part of their statutory quality grading inspection.

Assessment is by means of an unannounced visit undertaken by a trained assessor, who will sample a representative selection of the house menu appropriate to the category applied for.

This includes a one-to-one review of the experience with the applicant.

A written summary of the visit, including a recommendation for any award achieved, is generated, and submitted to Quality Development, who will confirm awards in writing, and provide appropriate marketing resources to successful participants.

Awards are valid for up to 1 year, or until the next assessment following renewal of participation.

Please note that an assessment does not guarantee that an award will be achieved.

Participants are scored against the criteria published in the Guernsey Taste Assessment Standard.

An overall score is calculated from the individual section marks awarded – please note that only those sections relevant to any particular type of operation will be scored.

Establishments achieving a score over 60% will gain a **SILVER AWARD**.

Those achieving a score over 80% will gain a **GOLD AWARD**.

The criteria of this nationally recognised scheme are based on current industry standards, best practice, and visitor expectations.

Establishments have an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to, and knowledge of, the use and inclusion of local produce and ingredients.

The assessor's notes in this area do not form part of the accreditation score.

The cost of registration is £200.00 per individual assessment requested. Separate assessments will be required for different types of provision made at the same establishment (e.g., Restaurant and Bar Meals). Each requires a separate registration and payment.

All participants must sign the declaration, agreeing to meet the **reasonable** cost of items consumed during the assessment. Assessors carry formal identification that must be produced on request. They will also carry a letter of authority from the States of Guernsey.

The Assessment tests a representative selection from the menu, as well as the service levels offered, and this may include drinks. *Alcohol will not be consumed by assessors who are driving, and where it is necessary to include wine or similar beverages for a full assessment, orders will be by the glass only, with items selected at a moderate price level from the menu.*