Infinity Culinary Training
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Improving Lives Through Cooking
A nonprofit chef school ∞ Cape Town, South Africa

STUDENT APPLICATION
FOR CLASS 43 ONLY
July-December 2023

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Contacted for 1st Int: Ph Whp SMS By: _____

Date/Time of 1st Int: _____

Date/Time of 2nd Int: _____

Contacted for N/A: Ph Whp SMS By:_____ Date: _____

N/A Reason Given: _____

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STOP!

READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY

This application is ONLY if you live 75 km outside of Cape Town – or in another province. If you live in Cape Town, download the proper forms from our website.

DO NOT APPLY TO ICT IF:

- **You are under 21 years of age**
- **You are the primary caretaker of a child under 2 years of age**
- **You are not vaccinated against COVID-19. You must attach proof of your vaccination to your application. If you have lost your card, you must download proof from this website: https://vaccine.certificate.health.gov.za/**

Today's date: _____ Province you live in now: _____

Name:_____ Surname: _____

Age: _____ Female ☐ Male ☐ ID: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Home language: _____ Number of children: _____

PLEASE TICK THE CORRECT BOX

1. It is ok to apply to ICT if I am younger than 21 years. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐
2. It is ok to apply to ICT if I am the caretaker of a child under 2 years of age. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐
3. It is ok to apply to ICT, if I am not vaccinated against COVID-19. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

STOP AGAIN!

YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAGE

1) You must **print out this application** and answer all questions **truthfully and in YOUR OWN HANDWRITING.** Type-written answers will **not** be accepted.

2) Class 43 takes place July-December 2023. There will be a **phone interview** before you are asked to travel to Cape Town.

3) At the time of your phone interview, we will discuss the **dates of your interviews** and **the date that you must be settled in Cape Town**.

4) You must **relocate to Cape Town** for the interview process and for the entire 6 months of the course.

5) You must attach 1) **a clear photocopy of your ID** and 2) **your COVID-19 vaccination card** (you *must* be vaccinated). Your application will **not** be considered without both attachments.

6) ICT offers no transport or accommodation. If accepted into ICT, you must provide your own **reliable accommodation in Cape Town AND transport to and from ICT** (or your work placement or your job) each day for the entire 6 months.

TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION

1) **SCAN ALL PAGES** (*no photos, please*), **email** this application and the required attachments to **applications@ictchefs.org**.

2) **Keep your phone on.** We will call you no later than **10 June** to schedule your first interview.

3) **BRING THIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS** with you to your first interview.

4) Emailed submissions from people who live within 75 km of Cape Town will **NOT** be accepted.

Only the first 150 applications received will be considered for Class 43.
Once the total of 150 is reached, you must download a new form for a future class.

Submitting any application, or attending any interview, does NOT guarantee your acceptance to ICT.

Part 1: Getting to Know ICT

Before you attend your first interview, it is important that you to get to know a little bit about ICT. You must understand the seriousness of the business culture that we train chefs for.

Tick each box that you think is correct.

1) **ICT's primary mission** is to provide training for people who have never worked or who have limited work experience. ICT is not for people who just like to cook. ICT is not for people who have repeatedly been able to find a job and decided not to keep them. ICT is only for people who are fully committed to beginning and growing a long-term career in the professional kitchen.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

2) Many people drink alcohol, socially and on special occasions. Drinking is a bad practice when it comes to being a professional chef. Therefore, no amount of drinking alcohol is permitted while I am an ICT student, including weekends, time off, or when I am at home.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

3) Even though the ICT training will require all of my time and attention, I will still be able to have my usual friends and do most of the usual things I did before attending ICT.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

4) Since ICT is free, they also give their students whatever they want. If I don't have transport money, or a phone, or money for data and airtime, ICT will give me those things.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

5) The business world is strict about timekeeping. Businesspeople are not interested in excuses like late taxis, load shedding, or personal issues at home. As training for the business world, ICT requires 100% on-time attendance – every single day – from all students.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

6) Attending ICT is a personal decision to change my life for the better. The program will be very challenging. In order to grow and to succeed, I will have to face many personal challenges, face many fears, overcome some negative habits, and possibly question some of my beliefs.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

7) ICT guarantees me a job. Even if I quit a job or get fired, ICT will always get me another one.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

8) ICT is not a quick fix to my financial problems. It takes many years of hard work, dedication, and climbing the ladder to become a respected, well-paid chef. Therefore, if I want to grow my career, I must *always* do my best, work my hardest, and put in very long hours. I also MUST learn to make a personal budget and spend my money correctly.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

Part 2: Your Education, Additional Training, and Work History

1) Do you have matric? YES☐ NO☐ If NO, what is your highest grade **completed**? _____

2) Do you believe you are a "slow learner"? YES☐ NO☐

3) Do you have **ANY medical conditions or disabilities** that could limit or influence your full-time participation in class or in a job? YES☐ NO☐ If YES, please explain:

4) How well do you speak and understand English? Very well☐ Good☐ I struggle a lot☐

5) Have you applied to ICT in the past? YES☐ NO☐ If YES, how many times? _____

6) Did you **download this form yourself from the ICT website**? YES☐
Or did someone else download this form and give it to you? YES☐

7) Do you have any formal or additional skills training? YES☐ NO☐ If YES, fill out below.

Name of institution: _____

Type of training: _____ Cost of training: _____

Date started: _____ Date finished:_____ Did you get a certificate? YES☐ NO☐

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Type of training: _____ Cost of training: _____

Date started: _____ Date finished:_____ Did you get a certificate? YES☐ NO☐

8) List your **LAST 3 JOBS**: 1) The date started and date finished, 2) Name of the place, 3) Your duties there, 4) Reason for leaving, 5) The salary you earned. *If you need more space, **attach a CV**.*

1. _____

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2. _____

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3. _____

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Part 3: Your Home Life & Social Life

1) How many children do you have? _____ What are their ages? _____

How many of your children stay with you? _____ How many stay with other people? _____

2) How many people currently stay in your home and what is their relationship to you?

3) Do you or members of your family have any source of income? YES ☐ NO ☐

Who earns the salary? _____ What job(s) do they have? _____

How much do they earn? _____ How many grants come into your home each month? _____

4) Have you ever visited or lived in Cape Town? VISITED ☐ LIVED ☐ NEVER BEEN ☐

5) Please explain A) Where you plan to stay when you arrive in Cape Town? B) Will you staying with a friend, relative or stranger? C) How long you will be allowed to live there?

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

6) Please explain how you will **financially support yourself** during your ICT training. Where will you will get **transport money** to and from class – and **airtime and data** for your phone?

7) Do you **ever** drink alcohol? YES ☐ NO ☐ Do you **ever** smoke dagga? YES ☐ NO ☐

8) Do you ever feel like a victim of life? YES ☐ NO ☐ If YES, what makes you feel that way?

9) At any time in your life, have you experienced abuse or violence at home? YES ☐ NO ☐

10) Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES ☐ NO ☐

Please Note: ***Everyone accepted to ICT will be required to provide a certificate of police clearance.*** *Having a criminal record* ***does not*** *automatically disqualify you from being admitted to ICT.*

Part 4: Your Commitment

Please think carefully about each of the promises below. They are your word of honour.

They must be kept by every ICT student each and every day.

1) Do you promise to be in class Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, and one day each weekend, either Saturday or Sunday? YES ☐ NO ☐

2) Do you promise to be on-time for class – never late – every single day? YES ☐ NO ☐

3) Do you promise to work days, nights, weekends and public holidays? YES ☐ NO ☐

4) Do you promise to be available to work in a Cape Town restaurant or hotel for a minimum of one year **after** graduating from ICT? YES ☐ NO ☐

5) Since you will earn no money for at least the first 4 months of attending ICT, do you promise to always have A) transport money to and from class and your work placement, and B) airtime and data on your phone? YES ☐ NO ☐

6) Do you promise to give 110% of your energy and commitment to your training? This means always trying your hardest and completing all tasks with a positive attitude. YES ☐ NO ☐

7) **For the entire time you are an ICT student**, do you promise to be 100% alcohol-free and drug-free, even when at home and even on weekends? YES ☐ NO ☐

8) Are you 100% clear that attending ICT is a personal decision to change your life, and that the program will be personally challenging, and that you will be required to face many of your fears and overcome some life-long habits in order to succeed? YES ☐ NO ☐

9) If you are accepted to ICT, **would you prefer your 3-week internship** and **your required 3-month job** to be in: Cape Town ☐ Joburg ☐

Part 5: Your Agreement

I understand that ICT is not a quick fix to my financial problems. ICT provides training for entry-level positions into the professional kitchen. I understand that it takes many years of hard work and dedication to become a respected chef. I know that I will be starting at the bottom in any job and that I must be willing to **always be honest and do my best** in order to work my way up.

Initials: _____

I certify that all information provided in this document is true to the best of my knowledge and will be used to determine my eligibility to attend Infinity Culinary Training. **I understand that this application does not guarantee enrollment into any class** and that, if I am accepted, any intentionally false statements made by me in this document may result in my immediate and permanent dismissal from Infinity Culinary Training.

Initials: _____

Signature: _____Date: _____/_____/_____

Print your name and surname: _____