

**STUDENT APPLICATION
FOR CLASSES 50 & 51 ONLY**
Class 50: March - September 2025
Class 51: April - October 2025

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N-A Reason & Tips for future: _____

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STOP!

READ EVERYTHING VERY CAREFULLY

This form is ONLY if you live 75 km OUTSIDE of Cape Town – or in another province.

If you live anywhere in the region of Cape Town and its locations,
you must download the proper forms from our website.

DO NOT APPLY TO ICT IF:

- 1. You are under 21 years of age – at the time of making your application.**
- 2. You are the primary caretaker of a child under 2 years of age.**

Your application will NOT be considered if you do not follow these two requirements.

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

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Age: _____ Female Male ID: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd phone (friend or relative): _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____ Home language: _____

Number of children: _____ Their ages: _____

Which class do you prefer to be in? Class 50 (March-Sept) Class 51 (Apr-Oct) Either is fine

NB! – ICT IS SERIOUS ABOUT TIMEKEEPING

If you are late for any ICT interview – **even one minute late** – you will be turned away and not eligible for that class. For your own professional future, you must **NEVER BE ONE MINUTE LATE.**

STOP AGAIN!

YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING ON THIS PAGE

- 1) You are **not permitted** to share this form or give it to anyone else. Each person must download the forms for themselves from our website. You are **not permitted** to post this application form on any social media – not on Facebook or anywhere.
- 2) The deadline for submitting this application for both classes is **1 February, 2025**.
- 3) You must **print out this application** and answer all questions **truthfully and in your own handwriting**. Type-written answers will **not** be accepted.
- 4) Class 50 takes place March – September 2025. Class 51 takes place April – October 2025. **Final selections for both classes will be made in February**. You will have a **WhatsApp video interview** before we ask you to travel to Cape Town for your in-person interview.
- 5) You must **relocate to Cape Town** for the interview process and for the entire 7 months of the course. **You must be settled in Cape Town, in stable, reliable accommodations, at least 3 days prior to your first in-person interview** (*sooner is strongly advised*).
- 6) **ICT provides no transport or accommodation**. If accepted into ICT, you must provide your own reliable accommodation in Cape Town **AND** transport to and from ICT each day **AND** airtime and data for the entire 7 months.
- 7) You must attach **a clear photocopy of your ID** to this application.
- 8) If you have been vaccinated against COVID-19, **please attach a copy of your vaccination card** to this application.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION **DEADLINE: 1 FEBRUARY 2025**

- 1) **SCAN** all pages (do not send photos). Email this application and all required attachments to **applications@ictchefs.org**
- 2) **BRING THIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS** with you to your first in-person interview.
- 3) Emailed forms from people who live in the Cape Town region and its locations will **NOT** be accepted.

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

Part 1: Getting to Know ICT

*Before you attend your first interview, it is important for you to get to know a little bit about ICT.
You must understand the seriousness of the business culture required to be chef.*

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. If a person has been able to repeatedly find a job, or a person has had over three months of previous hospitality training – or training in any employable field – there is a *very low chance* of being accepted to ICT.

TRUE

FALSE

- 2) Many people drink alcohol occasionally and on special occasions. Drinking is a bad practice when it comes to the business world. 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 all 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 professional 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** be willing to make personal sacrifices – and I **MUST** learn to spend my money correctly.

TRUE

FALSE

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

- 1) Do you have matric or have you completed any NQF Level 4 schooling? YES NO
If NO, what is your highest grade **completed**? _____

Name and location of high school attended? _____

- 2) Has **anyone in your life** ever called you a “slow learner?” This includes, parents, relatives, teachers or friends. YES NO

- 3) Do you have **ANY medical conditions, allergies, or disabilities**? YES NO
If YES, please explain in detail:

- 4) Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19? YES NO If YES, please attach a copy of proof of vaccination.

- 5) List all medications you currently take, the reasons you take them, and how long you’ve been taking them.

- 6) Describe your eyesight: *Excellent* *Good* *Fair* *Poor*

Do you wear eyeglasses? YES NO Do you need to wear eyeglasses? YES NO

- 7) How well do you **speak, understand, read, write** English?

Speak: *Excellent* *Very well* *Enough to get by* *Struggle a lot* *Very poor*

Understand: *Excellent* *Very well* *Enough to get by* *Struggle a lot* *Very poor*

Read: *Excellent* *Very well* *Enough to get by* *Struggle a lot* *Very poor*

Write: *Excellent* *Very well* *Enough to get by* *Struggle a lot* *Very poor*

- 8) Have you applied to ICT in the past? YES NO

If YES, how many times? _____ What year did you apply? _____

How many in-person interviews did you attend? 0 1 2

If you attended an in-person interview, what reason did we give you for not being accepted?

9) Have you attended 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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10) 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. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part 3: Your Home Life & Financial Life

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

2) If you have children, how many stay with you now? _____ Their ages? _____

If your children stay with other people, who do they stay with? _____

In which province do they stay? _____ How long have they been there? _____

3) Do you have any money saved? YES NO If yes, how much? _____

How did you manage to save that money? _____

4) 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 long have they had those jobs? _____ How much do they earn? _____

How many social grants come into your home? Child _____ Disability _____ Pensioner _____

5) Please explain how you will **financially support yourself** during your ICT training. Include where you will get **transport money** to and from class, and **airtime and data** for your phone.

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

7) Please explain A) Where you will stay in Cape Town. B) Will you be staying with a friend, relative or stranger? C) Have you already made a **firm plan and agreement** with that person for you to stay there?

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

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
If yes, please explain *only* if you are comfortable doing so.

- 10) Have you ever been convicted of a crime? YES NO If YES, please explain all details, including the date of your arrest(s) and dates of any time served in prison.

*Having a criminal record **does not** automatically disqualify you from being admitted to ICT.
We encourage you to apply even if you have a criminal record.*

- 11) Where did you get this application form?

- A) I downloaded it from Facebook.
- B) I downloaded it from another social media or internet platform.
- C) I downloaded it myself from the ICT website.
- D) Someone else downloaded it for me and gave it to me or sent it to me.

- 12) Read the paragraph below very carefully, then answer the QUESTION that follows.

Succeeding at ICT – and in a professional kitchen – requires long, hard hours. It requires working nights, weekends and public holidays. It requires being fast on your feet, learning new forms of communication, paying attention to every detail, and opening your mind to new cultures. It requires a PROFESSIONAL MINDSET, which means “Business first.” Working in a professional kitchen will likely require a 100% CHANGE OF LIFESTYLE from what you are currently used to. Working in a pro kitchen is NOT for everyone. And that’s ok. Many people are better suited to other jobs or careers.

QUESTION: What PERSONAL and SOCIAL changes do you believe you must make in your life in order to succeed at ICT and in the professional kitchen? (Take your time. Think deeply about everything in your life. DO NOT WRITE WHAT YOU THINK YOU WE WANT TO HEAR. Be honest about who you are and be as detailed in your answer as possible.)

Part 4: Your Commitment

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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 be able to work day shifts, night shifts, and shifts on weekends and public holidays? Do you understand that there are NEVER DECEMBER HOLIDAYS in the hospitality industry? 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) 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

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: ____/____/____

(Please note: The deadline for submitting this application is 1 September)

Write your name and surname: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

KEEP THIS PAGE.

DO NOT submit this page with your forms.

This page is yours to keep. Study and learn these things before you attend your first interview.

ABBREVIATIONS

*An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word.
For example, “Mr” is the abbreviation for the word “Mister.”*

*The letters in **red** or **bold** are the abbreviations that you must know for the professional kitchen.*

G is the abbreviations for “gram” or “grams.”

KG is the abbreviation for “kilogram” or “kilograms.”

L is the abbreviation for “litre.”

ML is the abbreviation for “millilitre.”

TSP is the abbreviation for “teaspoon.”

TBL is the abbreviation for “tablespoon.”

C is the abbreviation for “cup.”

MEASUREMENTS

*You must know **these basic measurements** to work in the professional kitchen.*

1 kilogram = **1 000 g**

1 litre = **1 000 ml**

1 teaspoon = **5 ml**

1 tablespoon = **15 ml** . . . it also equals **3 tsp**

1 cup = **250 ml**