

City & Guilds partner with the Hospitality Training Association Inc. in Australia

Australian students can now follow in the steps of Jamie Oliver and achieve a City & Guilds qualification in Catering and Hospitality.

City & Guilds are partnering with the Hospitality Training Association Inc (HTA), an organisation that will be offering in-country support to training organisations and colleges in Australia wishing to offer City & Guilds qualifications in catering and hospitality, as part of their programme.

HTA is a not-for-profit organisation that has been serving the needs of the hospitality industry for over 20 years. Originally established by the hospitality and tourism industries to ensure there was relevant industry focused services available, it has grown to be the largest employer of apprentice cooks and baker/pastry cooks in Queensland.

HTA will provide in-country support that Australian training providers will require to become City & Guilds centres, which will enable them to offer their apprentices and students the opportunity of achieving an international qualification at the same time as they gain their national awards.

A mapping exercise commissioned by City & Guilds from a National Training Package Adviser, demonstrated that students undertaking an Australian national award were already covering a large percentage of what was required for a City & Guilds qualification. This makes the achievement of two qualifications at graduation, one of them being a City & Guilds International Vocational Qualification, a very attractive proposal for Australian students and training providers looking to attract internationally minded students.

City & Guilds International Vocational Qualifications in Catering, Hospitality and Tourism are recognised by a number of universities and professional associations worldwide as well as being offered in approximately 90 countries. This international recognition helps students wishing to gain international experience or work for international employers.

For further information on offering City & Guilds qualifications in Australia, or the mapping exercise commissioned by City & Guilds comparing City & Guilds Food Preparation and Culinary Arts to Australia's Hospitality Training Package, please contact HTA on HTA@cityandguilds.com or contact Susana Majid on susanam@city-and-guilds.co.uk

