



**Hospitality Training Association Inc.**

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## **Apprentice Chefs Sought for 2006**

The Hospitality Training Association Inc. (HTA) is accepting applications for chef apprenticeships due to begin early next year.

As the largest trainer and employer of Apprentice Chefs in Queensland, HTA has assisted thousands of young people obtain the skills and knowledge necessary to gain a head start in a career in hospitality.

HTA Apprentices complete a qualification, the THH31502 Certificate III in Hospitality - Commercial Cookery and obtain "hands-on" experience in a variety of establishments while on-the-job.

This 'rotational' - style system helps to ensure Apprentices are exposed to work environments and experience varying cuisines, enabling them to gain invaluable industry know-how.

Hospitality Training Association Chief Executive Officer Phillip Charlton said that HTA's Apprentices are among the most sought after by the Industry.

"Having a solid foundation of industry experience means HTA's Apprentices are extremely well regarded in the industry," said Mr Charlton.

Additionally, HTA Apprentices are often involved in functions for external clients allowing for a broad experience base and networking. One such event was the recent *Jail Break* function at Boggo Road Jail, which was lavished with celebrities such as 2004 Big Brother winner Trevor Butler and AFL Star Justin Leppitsch. HTA Apprentices have also participating in functions for Clubs Queensland, Commerce Queensland, Restaurant & Catering Queensland and many more.



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Phillip Charlton also said a Chef Apprenticeship with HTA is an opportunity school leavers should grab with both hands.

“Effectively, year twelve students interested in pursuing a career as a Chef could have secured a position before their class mates even receive their OP scores,” said Mr Charlton.

Successful applicants are then encouraged to concentrate on their year twelve exams, enjoy their time at ‘schoolies’ and return after the Christmas break ready to begin their apprenticeship.

To apply for an apprenticeship with HTA, visit [www.hta.org.au](http://www.hta.org.au). Alternatively, students can send their resume to [recruit@hta.org.au](mailto:recruit@hta.org.au) or PO Box 906, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006.

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