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## Certificate Levels

### Title

Certified Beer Server

Certified Cicerone(tm)

Master Cicerone(tm)

### Prerequisites

None

Must have passed the Certified Beer Server exam within the past two years and have at least one year of work experience selling or serving beer. A recommendation from a brewer, beer wholesaler or beer retailer can be substituted for the work experience.

Must have passed the Certified Cicerone(tm) exam and have two years experience selling, serving or managing beer service. Three recommendations from different brewers, beer wholesalers or beer retailers can be substituted for the work experience.

### Exam Format & Components

Multiple choice exam, administered online. A grade of 75% is required to pass. Candidates must also pass a short quiz about the Cicerone program.

Written exam with short answer and essay questions plus tasting and a demonstration component, A grade of 80% overall and at least 70% on the tasting portion will be required to pass.

Candidates for Master Cicerone(tm) will be examined by a panel of industry experts. The assessment will include essay questions, taste tests and oral examination which may include demonstrations and oral tasting with one or more examiners. A grade of 85% or better is required to pass.

### Exam Cost

\$69 Initial test: \$345 Retake Tasting: \$75, Retake Written: \$150 Initial test: \$595 Retests will be charged 80% of the current Master exam price.

### Initiating an Exam

Become a registered user on this site and then follow the link to exam website.

Certified Cicerone(tm) exams are scheduled throughout the US for 2009. See "Exam Schedule" elsewhere on this website

for details.

The first Master Cicerone(tm) exam is planned for November of 2009. Contact us for details.

#### Knowledge Area Responsibilities

The Certified Beer Server requires competent knowledge of beer storage and service issues as well as modest knowledge of currently popular beer styles and culture and basic familiarity with beer tasting and flavors as well as brewing process and ingredients. Knowledge of the Cicerone Certification Program's levels and titles is also required.

The Certified Cicerone(tm) must have detailed knowledge of retail beer storage and service issues, excellent knowledge of modern beers and styles with some familiarity for historical styles, competence in identifying flawed beers and recognizing appropriate and in-appropriate flavors in modern beer styles, good understanding of the beer ingredients and familiarity with the brewing process and its common variations plus the ability to recommend reasonable beer pairings for common foods. View the current Master Syllabus available on this website to see details of what will be covered on the exam.

Candidates for Master Cicerone(tm) certification must demonstrate mastery of all knowledge areas and tasting capabilities outlined in the Master Syllabus.

Candidates completing each level will receive a metal-enamel lapel pin and a certificate designating their accomplishment\*. \* Begins 1/9/2010 for Certified Beer Server. Please allow 4 weeks for processing and delivery.