



Court of Master Sommeliers, Americas Accommodations for Disabilities

The Court of Master Sommeliers policy, in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, attempts to make accommodations to enable a candidate with disability(s) to successfully take on the programs. We attempt to make the exam accessible without lowering standards of the examination.

Although we are able to accommodate many at the Introductory Course & Examination and Certified Examination, we are not always able to accommodate at the Advanced Course & Examination and Master Diploma Examination and we must maintain the standards of the examination and its accreditation.

Some of our accommodations include:

- More examination time (dyslexia, PTSD, and other similar disorders)
- Secluded room for written examination – when possible
- Allow an acceptable adaptation in order for the candidate to do service, e.g., a specialized tray
- Other items reviewed on a case-by-case basis

To request accommodation(s) due to disability, please provide a letter of verification from your health care provider addressing the following:

1. Verification that the candidate has a disability (but not the diagnosis).
2. Description of how the candidate's limitations impair the ability to perform and indication of whether these limitations are temporary or permanent. If temporary, state when they are expected to end.
3. Recommendation of specific reasonable accommodation(s).

All requests/letters of verification will be kept confidential. Please email requests or questions to klewis@mastersommeliers.org.