The Court of Master Sommeliers currently has two chapters directing the globe. The Court of Master Sommeliers, Americas oversees North, Central and South America and The Court of Master Sommeliers, Europe oversees Europe and South Africa. The two share Asia and Oceana.

The following policies define where a candidate may sit for each level of certification; please read carefully.

**Introductory Sommelier**
- Candidates may sit anywhere a course is offered.

**Certified Sommelier**
- Candidates may sit anywhere an exam is offered.

**Advanced Sommelier**
- Candidates MUST sit with the CMS chapter that is the closest region to your place of work or residence and MUST sit at that chapters program that is closest to your place of work or residence.
  - Asia/Oceana candidates may choose an examination with EITHER the CMS, Americas OR CMS, Europe chapter’s Asia Advanced programming located in Asia or Oceana only.
    - Asia/Oceana candidates MUST continue to examine with the same chapter should subsequent attempts be necessary.
    - Asia/Oceana candidates may change chapter sites if they have relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.
    - Asia/Oceana candidates CANNOT sit with both chapter examinations simultaneously.

**Master Sommeliers Diploma**
- Candidates MUST sit within the same jurisdiction in which they sat the Advanced Sommelier Examination
  - Candidates may change chapter sites if they have relocated another jurisdiction for work or residence.

- Once a candidate earns any portion of the MS Diploma examination with one chapter, they must continue to sit with that chapter until the full title is earned OR a reset occurs after three attempts.
  - This is regardless of whether or not a candidate has relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.
  - If a reset occurs, a candidate may sit with their most local chapter if they have relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.