



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 Oceania.

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.
- Currently, the ONLINE Introductory Sommelier Course and Examination is accepted as a prerequisite for the Certified Sommelier Examination by the Americas Chapter only.

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 chapter's program that is closest to your place of work or residence.
- Candidates **MUST** sit the Examination in whichever market they sit the Course.
 - o *Candidates may petition to change markets if they have relocated permanently.*
- Asia/Oceania candidates may choose an examination with EITHER the CMS, Americas OR CMS, Europe chapter's Asia Advanced programming located in Asia or Oceania only.
 - o *Asia/Oceania candidates MUST continue to examine with the same chapter should subsequent attempts be necessary.*
 - o *Asia/Oceania candidates may petition to change chapter sites if they have relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.*
 - o *Asia/Oceania candidates CANNOT sit with both chapter examinations simultaneously.*

Master Sommelier Diploma

- Candidates **MUST** sit within the same jurisdiction in which they sat the Advanced Sommelier Examination
 - o *Candidates may petition to change chapter sites if they have relocated to 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.
 - o *This is regardless of whether or not a candidate has relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.*
 - o *If a reset occurs, a candidate may sit with their most local chapter if they have relocated to another jurisdiction for work or residence.*

