

ACF ACCREDITED JUDGES

To become an Australian Culinary Federation accredited judge

1. Have attended an ACF judges workshop in the last 3 years
2. Be endorsed by their own local chapter, with a brief accurate account of previous judging and competition experience with their relevant awards. This can be achieved by downloading judge's passport application form and submitting to your chapter committee.
3. For the purpose of Judging you must have completed a 4 year apprenticeship in Cooking or the equivalent of and have minimum 7 years trade experience.
4. Must be a current financial and participating member of the ACF.
5. To be up to date with modern trends and terminology and especially criteria.
6. Have an understanding of nutritional values in today's market.
7. To judge any section in our Salon Culinaire Booklet from category A – F including ACF regional titles, you must have the relevant experience in that category
8. To judge in the hot kitchen of a National competition you must have the relevant industry experience in this category
9. In the event of National competitions, you should have at least experienced regional competitions as a judge. Current national Competitions are Oceanafest, Australian Culinary Challenge Victoria, Nestle Golden Chefs Hat Final
10. As with things in life, not all Indians make good chiefs, so it would be a reasonable assumption that not all great cooks make great critics. In this case you may be required to work as a junior judge at several salons under the direct supervision of an accredited judge. Your passport must be signed by the salon Chief of judges & comments on your performance must be documented.
11. To progress to judge submit to ACF Head office an application with a copy of your documentation as a junior judge & a written endorsement from an ACF senior accredited judge. This will be reviewed by a panel of senior judges and if approved you will be listed on the national Judges register as an approved judge.
12. To remain on the judging register you must
 - Judge a minimum of 1 competition every year
 - Maintain your financial membership