

*“GREAT SOULS HAVE WILL, FEEBLE ONE’S ONLY HAVE WISHES”*

## HOTEL MANAGEMENT

If you are peoples person, if you are the one everyone turns for help and comfort. If you like meeting new people, the do try your hand at the hospitality sector, more specifically in the **HOTAL MANAGENT** field for a career. When the above said factors define your personality, and then why not make it into a lucrative profession. Since the thriving and booming of the Indian economy has ushered in a huge transformation in the Indian hotel industry, virtually changing the face of it.

In any country, the hospitality industry is inextricably linked with its overall economic prosperity and resourcefulness. In other words the developmental level of the hospitality industry could well be considered the index of its all round growth. Trade and commerce too would be unable to thrive were there not adequate facilities and provisions for the overseas traders and business people.

Hospitality industry is also directly proportionate to the inbound tourism to any particular country. The various countries of the world like India, China, Mexico and Iraq, that were the seats of ancient civilizations, are till date the most favorite destinations of the tourists from all corners of the globe. Hence both these industries have vast potentials for developing both tourism and hospitality industries. In this era of increasing globalization, hospitality industry or hotel management is assuming greater significance and fast evolving as a lucrative career option. With increasing globalization, career opportunities in this field are not only limited within the country but there are chains of hotels which operate internationally providing scope of a career abroad. It is a glamorous profession which has a bright future. With the growth of hotel industry propelled by foreign and domestic tourism and business travel, the demand for well trained quality personnel too has grown impressively.

### PERSONALITY TRAITS

Hotel management demands a friendly, helpful, outgoing personality, ability to take responsibility and to work well with others. Interest in people of all backgrounds, creativity, flair, tact, a methodical approach, organising and administrative ability, a certain amount of manual dexterity and visual imagination, physical stamina and good health to withstand irregular hours of work are equally important traits. A temperament which remains unruffled in inevitable crises, a good memory for faces (as regular guests appreciate recognition), considerable self confidence, an eye for detail.

### COURSES IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT

- BHM** - Bachelor of Hotel Management
- DHM** - Diploma in Hotel Management
- BHMCT** - Bachelor of Hotel Management and Catering Technology
- DHMCT** - Diploma in Hotel Management and Catering Technology
- PGDHM** - Post Graduate Diploma in Hotel Management

### ELIGIBILITY

One can enter this field by direct entry or through hotel management institutes. For direct entry the vacancies are generally advertised in the newspapers and the minimum prescribed qualification is graduation with 50% marks. Minimum qualification required to go for a course in hotel management is 10+2. For certificate, diploma and bachelors courses 10+2 is sufficient. Duration of certificate courses is six months to one year. Bachelor and diploma courses are of duration one and half to three years. Selection to most government recognized institutes is based on common entrance test. Test consists of English, Reasoning, General Science and General Knowledge. The test is of two hour duration and is held around April every year. The test is followed by a group discussion and interview, in which a person's personality and confidence is seen. Private institutes also conduct tests of their own, the pattern of which is almost the same. Hotel Management courses are

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usually of three-year duration leading to the grant of a diploma / degree but some degree courses are also of four years duration. Hotel Management courses at all institutes offer a blend of theoretical and practical training. Students are given hands-on training in running of a hotel so that they can apply their theoretical learning to real-life situations and learn how to improve adapt.

## ENTERANCE EXAMS

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Joint entrance exam conducted by National Council for Hotel & Catering technology(NCHMCT)-BS.c programme in Hospitality and Hotel, for 10+2 passed students, with English as compulsory subject	There will be 30 questions each of Reasoning and logical deduction, Numeric ability and Scientific aptitude, Service and Hospitality aptitude and General knowledge, \$ 80 questions of English. Total duration: 3 hours <b>Exam date: MAY</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://nchmct.org">http://nchmct.org</a></b>
Entrance test conducted by Manipal Academy of Higher Education(MAHE)-All India entrance test for Bachelor of Hotel Management	A 100 marks paper, divided into Numeracy, Conceptual, General English, General awareness of multiple choice questions of objective type and Case study. The written test is followed by a Group Discussion and Interview Total duration: 2 hours <b>Exam date: APRIL</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://www.manipal.edu">www.manipal.edu</a></b>
Common Entrance Test conducted by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University-All India entrance test for Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering	<b>Exam date: JUNE</b> <b>Website: <a href="http://ipu.ac.in/">http://ipu.ac.in/</a></b>

## Top Institutes

- Ø National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology administers hotel management programmes at the government sponsored institutes of hotel management at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Gurdaspur, Guwahati, Gwalior, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mumbai, Patna, Shimla, Srinagar and Thiruvananthpuram
- Ø Indian Institute of Hotel Management (assisted by the Taj Group of Hotels) - Aurangabad
- Ø Oberoi Center for Learning and Development (Oberoi School of Hotel Management) - New Delhi
- Ø Welcome group Graduate School of Hotel Administration, Valley View, Manipal
- Ø International Institute of Hotel Management, Calcutta
- Ø Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, New Bombay
- Ø Indian Institute of Science and Management, Ranchi

**Earning potential:** Hotel management graduates begin as trainees in the industry. The initial remuneration is around Rs. 72,000 to 1, 00,000 per annum.

**Future prospects:** You can attend seminars and workshops to upgrade your skills, especially if you are in the food and beverage section. You can either work in the hotel industry or even move into aviation as a flight purser or air hostess. The option of self-employment is also open.