

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Students

Who are OTHM?

The Organisation for Tourism and Hospitality Management (OTHM) is an established and recognised Awarding Organisation. Launched in 2003 with the co-operation of OTHM's key articulation partner, the London South Bank University (LSBU), OTHM's approved delivery centres have successfully trained thousands of students to achieve OTHM certification.

Why should I study OTHM?

- Flexibility of study programme (Full-time, Part-time, Evenings, Saturdays or Intensive)
- Recognition for OTHM certified individuals for BA(Hons) and MSc 'top up' degree programmes at British Universities
- Opportunity for work experience during studies and actively encouraged
- A more affordable pathway to a degree than the Universities

What will I get from the different OTHM programmes?

OTHM qualifications allow students to gain practical operational training at Levels 3 & 4 in preparation for team leadership.

OTHM Level 5 Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management (QCF) – targets individuals for supervisory management responsibility plus eligibility to be a registered OTHM Associate Member (AOTHM).

OTHM Level 6 Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management (QCF) – prepares individuals for management of their chosen industry plus eligibility to be a registered OTHM Full Member (AOTHM)

OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management (QCF) (Post Graduate level) – prepares individuals for senior management positions and/or consultancy work within the industry.

Do I need to become an OTHM Member in order to study an OTHM qualification?

Yes, you will need to become a Student Member of OTHM. For your first year of membership you will need to pay a registration fee according to the level of course that you will be studying. In subsequent years of study you need only renew your membership.

How do I become an OTHM Member?

OTHM welcome students to gain Membership via the qualification route (combined with some appropriate industry work experience)

Those students that have completed the OTHM Level 5 Diploma may apply for Associate Membership and those that have completed the OTHM Level 6 or OTHM Level 7 Diplomas may apply for Full Membership.

Will I be able to apply to a UK university to study further in Tourism and Hospitality Management?

Yes, OTHM has established agreements with the London South Bank University (LSBU), key articulation partner, the University of West London and Salford University who will confirm your exemptions and entry points into their Bachelor's degree and Master's degree course programmes.

OTHM students need to have completed the OTHM Level 4 Diploma, Level 5 Diploma, Level 6 Diploma or Level 6 Extended Diploma when applying for entry into a particular year of the university programmes.

What are my job opportunities?

The Travel, Tourism and Hospitality industry is the world's largest employer and apart from the traditional view that students can only work in hotels, restaurants, bars, travel agents, or tour operators; students must also consider the expanded marketplace that includes all forms of event management, conferences, museum marketing, historic sites and game parks.

Most governments now recognise the importance of Tourism on their economy and a country like Great Britain has national, regional and local tourist boards to promote their destinations and welcome visitors.

OTHM qualified individuals have a great opportunity to work and develop a successful career with large employers and specialists in the market. The industry also offers the opportunity to set up your own organisation either as a consultant, family business or SME (Small or Medium size Enterprise)

Can OTHM help me get employment in the industry?

OTHM qualifications are designed to be practical, relevant and enjoyable and will enable you to work in the world's largest sector, Tourism and Hospitality.

As a newcomer to the industry and OTHM qualification should give appropriate knowledge and certification to pursue jobs and help accelerate the students career in their chosen field or specialisation.

OTHM have a number of employers in the industry willing to accept OTHM students to work for them in part-time or full-time positions, and OTHM combined with your approved delivery centre will do their utmost to secure you a job.

What are my entry options to the OTHM qualifications?

OTHM is a professional body and individuals need to be 18 years old, minimum, to register as an OTHM student member and sit assessments or examinations.

Individuals may join OTHM with 'O' Levels, 'A' Levels or an equivalent level of qualification.

Mature students with few or no formal qualifications are still eligible to join OTHM at the OTHM Level 3 Award in Tourism and Hospitality Management (QCF)

Students with relevant industry experience and qualifications may be eligible to enter OTHM qualifications from OTHM Level 4 Diploma up to and including the OTHM Level 7 Diploma. (For further details visit the OTHM website www.othm.org.uk, refer to the OTHM Student Guide or contact one of the OTHM approved delivery centres

Where can I study OTHM?

OTHM have a network of approved delivery centres in the UK and overseas.

Please see the OTHM website for more details
www.othm.org.uk/delcentres.html or
Contact the OTHM team: info@othm.org.uk

How will I enter for OTHM exams and receive my exam result?

Your exam results will be issued by OTHM but released to you via the delivery centre where you completed your OTHM qualification.

You will also enter your examinations via your approved delivery centre. You will sit your exams at your OTHM exam venue or at a British Council centre, if overseas.

Do I have to sit an exam to gain OTHM qualifications?

Yes, in order to obtain an OTHM qualification you will need to complete a project and/or an unseen examination depending on the module.