

Dear Applicant

CATERING ASSISTANT – BLACKSHOTS LEISURE CENTRE

Thank you for expressing an interest in the above vacancy.

Please find attached a Job Profile and Person Specification for the role. **You are advised to read our [Important Applicant Guidance resources prior to completing your application form](#)**. These resources are designed to support you in submitting a successful application form and to ensure you provide us with the information we need to assess your suitability for the role. Remember, your completed application is the only information we have about you and is what we will base the first stage of our selection procedure upon, so please complete all sections with a well-planned and positive approach. You may (if you wish) submit your CV to supplement your completed application.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION SECTION – VERY IMPORTANT

In this section of your application, you should **ONLY** address the criteria assessed at Application Stage (A) on the Person Specification, some of which are of high importance. Please provide clear **information, examples and evidence** to demonstrate these criteria. **Shortlisting will depend on how well you demonstrate your ability to meet the criteria assessed at Application Stage (A)**. If you do not complete this section fully and/or only submit your CV, your application may not be successful at shortlisting.

Due to the requirements of the new Right to Work checks, if you are short-listed and invited to attend a further competitive selection process, you must be able to produce **original** document/s from the **"Right to Work Checklist"** from either List A or List B Group 1 & 2, to demonstrate legal entitlement to work in the United Kingdom.

Please submit your completed application form as soon as possible - a selection process will take place fortnightly until SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025. **Please note**, that vacancies may be closed earlier than the published closing date if we get a high volume of applications. We therefore advise that you complete your application at your earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

The Company will hold your personal data on file (including electronically) as is necessary for the purposes of considering your application for employment with Impulse Leisure. The Company will only use your information for our legitimate business interests to consider your application. It will retain your information for a period of 6-months after the recruitment process has concluded, or longer subject only to appointment. For more information, please refer to the Candidate Privacy Notice which is included in this paperwork

If you are shortlisted for an interview, you will be contacted after the closing date. If you have not heard from us within one month of the closing date, please assume that you have been unsuccessful. In the interest of economy we do not acknowledge receipt of applications.

Wishing you every success in your application and thank you for the interest you have shown in our Company.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorna Mapson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Lorna Mapson
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Impulse Leisure – Head Office



JOB PROFILE

JOB TITLE: Catering Assistant

LOCATION/ HOURS: Thurrock, Essex (Blackshots Leisure Centre)

10.25 hours per week

- Friday 15:00 – 19:15 (4.25 hours), Sunday 09:00 – 15:00 (6 hours)

Variable hours (not guaranteed) may also be available subject to operational need – (Variable working patterns to include early mornings, late evenings, weekend and bank holiday working hours).

PLEASE NOTE:- In addition to the above, other guaranteed and/or variable hours vacancies may potentially become available as a result of the above recruitment. Therefore, please be advised that all interested parties should submit a completed application by the stated closing date in order to be considered. (Variable working patterns to include early mornings, late evenings, weekend and bank holiday working hours)

SALARY: £12.21 per hour
(Must be 18-years of age due to Licensing/ Health & Safety Regulations)

RESPONSIBLE TO: Duty Manager/Centre Manager

RESPONSIBLE FOR: Catering and bar operations

- PURPOSE OF JOB:**
1. To prepare and cook the items on the cafe (and bar menu as required).
 2. To play an important part of the smooth and efficient operation of the kitchen, café (and bar as required).
 3. To maximise the sale of the most profitable items to the customer in a prompt and friendly fashion charging the appropriate tariff for the goods or services sold.
 4. To adhere to Food Hygiene Regulations 1990, Food Safety Act 1990 and the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.
 5. To fully endorse the legal requirements of the Licensing Act.

KEY CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To fully comply with and ensure, in conjunction with centre management, compliance with all legislation including the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Impulse Leisure's Health and Safety Policy and all locally agreed safe methods of work, in accordance with the individual Sites' normal and emergency action plans etc.
2. To promote and maintain an awareness of and proactive commitment to energy reduction, carbon and environmental management.
3. To wear with pride the correct staff uniform, with a name badge at all times, in order to set a good example to all staff and to present a professional image to the public.
4. To comply with and ensure, in conjunction with centre management, compliance with Impulse Leisure's Customer Care Policy.
5. To actively ensure, in conjunction with centre management, promotion of Equal Opportunities and Diversity and observe the standard of conduct in relation to both employment and service delivery.
6. To undertake additional training/qualifications, as and when required, in order to comply with current and future company initiatives and/or governing body guidance and best practice.

7. To speak positively and enthusiastically about the Company and its services to ensure that a professional company and brand image is provided at all times to customers and colleagues.
8. Adhere to Company protocol as laid out in the Employee Handbook, and subsequent changes/additions that may be issued from time to time.
9. At the discretion of the Centre Manager/ Senior Managers, any other activities as may from time to time be agreed consistent with the nature of the job described above.
10. Where necessary and required, to work together with other departments within the organisation to identify any process improvements and improve standards and efficiency.
11. To work at any Impulse Leisure's centres consistent with the nature of the post.

KEY ROLE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To prepare (including all associated food preparation such as cleaning, chopping, etc...) and cook food to the required standards set out by the Supervisor, and in line with food and hygiene regulations, to satisfy the customer expectations and demands.
2. To serve the customer in a prompt and friendly fashion charging the appropriate tariff for the goods or services sold.
3. To ensure the kitchen, café, bars and associated equipment are kept to a high standard of cleanliness and repair.
4. To maintain accurate records of wastage, stock control, temperature readings.
5. To keep the café and adjoining areas clean and tidy at all times (i.e. kitchens, front of house, café foyer and toilet areas).
6. To assist in the review of standards of service provision with a view to improve the quality of the delivery.
7. To be aware of the products on sale and which ones are to be suggested to customers in order to maximise profitability.
8. To be fully conversant with the Company's Customer Care Charter and be aware of what is required of the food and beverage service.
9. To assist the Catering Supervisors in the implementation of any promotions hosted in conjunction with the catering department.
10. To ensure all refuse is disposed of in the correct manner to reduce the risk of vermin or cross-contamination.
11. To undertake the locking, unlocking and security of the premises, and opening up/close down procedures in accordance with working instructions.
12. To undertake cash handling procedures i.e. including the cashing up of the tills against till receipts, and take accountability for the security of all monies during shifts and on exiting the premises, in accordance with working instructions.
13. To undertake the closing up procedures in accordance with working instructions, including locking and security of the premises as required.

The post holder **will** be required to work at any of the Company's facilities as required, and will be required to stand in for staff on annual leave, training courses, etc., or at short notice in the event of, for example, illness. To obtain maximum efficiency the post holder will be involved in a rota of hours, which can vary according to the programme.

The normal working hours inevitably contain an unsociable element that involves evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays worked on a rota basis and subject to regular reviews in order to improve efficiency and address the total demands of the service. The salary of the post has been determined as complete recompense for the above working arrangements.

Note: *This document does not constitute an exhaustive list of all duties relating to the post, but indicates the main areas of activity. From time to time it may be necessary to vary the duties, in consultation with the post holder, to take account of changing operational requirements, the introduction of different working methods, etc..*

In the course of your duties you may have knowledge of, or access to information that is confidential. It is essential that such information is safeguarded in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018, it should not be published or divulged other than to authorised personnel, or used for any unofficial purposes. In cases of doubt about what is confidential or who is authorised, your manager must be consulted.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

JOB TITLE: Catering Assistant

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES:

The person specification provides an outline of the experience, skills and abilities we expect the successful candidate to possess. You should match your own skills, experience, and abilities to those listed below. **Tell us in what way you meet the criteria asked for; a sentence or two of explanation with examples will help us to assess your application.**

Applicants with a declared disability will be guaranteed an interview where they score at least 2 (out of a 0-3 scale) on each of the criteria weighted with High Importance, i.e. score of 2 multiplied by the criteria weighted 3 = 6.

Key: A – Application; C – Certificates; I – Interview; PA – Practical Assessment

***Weighting Scale:** 3 – High Importance 2 – Medium Importance 1 – Low Importance

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	WEIGHTING (*SEE ABOVE)	HOW ASSESSED (SEE 'KEY' ABOVE)
<u>Skills, Abilities & Knowledge</u>	1. Excellent organisational skills.	3	I
	2. Able to verbally communicate clearly and effectively e.g. deal with customer queries, dealing with difficult customers, taking orders etc.	3	I
	3. Able to understand written English e.g. food hygiene policies, receive orders etc	3	A, I
	4. Basic numeracy skills, e.g. able to give change, count stock	3	A, I
	5. Confident, with a positive can-do attitude	3	I
	6. Ability to work as part of a team, as well as on own initiative	3	I
	7. Ability to deliver good customer service	3	I
	8. Ability to clean to high standards	3	I
	9. Ability to multi-task	3	I
	10. Must be committed to and maintain an awareness of equal opportunities	3	I
<u>Experience</u>	1. Previous experience of cash handling	2	A, I
	2. Previous experience of working in a bar	1	A, I
	3. Previous experience of working in a food service establishment	1	A, I
	4. Using commercial kitchen equipment.	1	A, I
	5. Previous experience of using electronic till systems.	1	A, I
<u>Education & Qualifications</u>	1. Valid, current Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or equivalent or the ability to gain qualification within 6 months of employment	3	A, C, PA
<u>Other</u>	1. Must be willing and prepared to undertake additional training necessary in order to fulfil the requirements of the role, and/or to comply with current and future company initiatives	3	I
	2. Must be 18 years or over due to licensing/ health and safety regulations	3	A, C
	3. To be flexible and adaptable with hours, tasks and location of work (including evenings, bank holidays & weekends).	3	I

CATERING ASSISTANT QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Important Information

Catering Assistants within Impulse Leisure are required to hold a certificate in Food Hygiene & Safety.

If the successful candidate does not already hold this qualification, the necessary training will be provided at the Company's cost, and the individual will be expected to pass the qualification, within 6-months of their commencement, as a condition of continued employment. There is a responsibility on the individual to commit to undertaking the necessary training required.

Food Hygiene & Safety Certificate

Prerequisites: None

Course Duration: Approx. 2 hours (completed via e-learning)

Course content:

- Food-Borne Illness, Bacteria and Prevention
- Contamination, Spoilage and Prevention of Food Poisoning
- Personal Hygiene and Effective Cleaning
- Storage, HACCP and the Law

Assessment method: There is a questionnaire after each module to test your understanding, followed by a proficiency test.

IMPULSE LEISURE
APPLICANT PRIVACY NOTICE (JANUARY-2024)
IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

As part of any recruitment process, Thurrock Community Leisure (Impulse Leisure) collects and processes personal data relating to job applicants. Impulse Leisure is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses that data and to meeting its data protection obligations.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES IMPULSE LEISURE COLLECT?

Impulse Leisure collects a range of information about you, including:-

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history
- information about your current level of remuneration, including (where applicable) benefit entitlements
- whether or not you have a disability for which Impulse Leisure needs to consider reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process, and
- information about your legal entitlement to work in the UK.

Impulse Leisure may collect this information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, CVs and/or from recruitment agencies, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews and/or other forms of assessments.

Impulse Leisure may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references we will request from former employers and/or education establishments (schools, colleges, universities), information from employment background check providers (where relevant) and information from criminal records checks (Disclosure and Barring Service). Impulse Leisure will seek information from third parties only once a conditional job offer to you has been made and will inform you that it is doing so.

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record (through the Applicant Tracking System (ATS)), in HR systems and on other IT systems (including email).

WHY DOES IMPULSE LEISURE PROCESS PERSONAL DATA?

Impulse Leisure needs to process data to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract with you. It may also need to process your data to enter into a contract with you. In some cases, Impulse Leisure needs to process data to ensure that it is complying with its legal obligations. For example, it is required to check an applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts.

Impulse Leisure has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows Impulse Leisure to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's

suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. Impulse Leisure may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against litigation.

Impulse Leisure may process special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation or religion or belief, to monitor recruitment statistics. It may also collect information about whether or not applicants are disabled to make reasonable adjustments for candidates who have a disability. Impulse Leisure processes such information to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

For some roles, Impulse Leisure is obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where Impulse Leisure seeks this information, it does so because it is necessary for it to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Impulse Leisure will not use your data for any purpose other than for the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO DATA?

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR and recruitment teams, interviewers (i.e. panel members) involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area for which you may be considered and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

Impulse Leisure will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you a conditional offer/offer of employment. Impulse Leisure will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers (if required) to obtain necessary background checks and if required, the Disclosure and Barring Service (which will require your express consent) to obtain necessary criminal records checks.

Impulse Leisure will not transfer your data outside the United Kingdom.

HOW DOES IMPULSE LEISURE PROTECT DATA?

Impulse Leisure takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies and controls in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties. Impulse Leisure employees involved in recruitment processes have been trained in data protection.

FOR HOW LONG DOES IMPULSE LEISURE KEEP DATA?

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, Impulse Leisure will hold your data for 6 (six) months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At the end of that period, your data is deleted and/or securely destroyed.

If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained throughout your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice.

YOUR RIGHTS

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. You can:-

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request
- require Impulse Leisure to change incorrect or incomplete data
- require Impulse Leisure to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing, and
- object to the processing of your data where Impulse Leisure is relying on its legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact the person responsible for data protection, details at the end of this document.

If you believe Impulse Leisure has not complied with your data protection rights, you can complain to the Information Commissioner. However, in the first instance please contact Impulse Leisure so that your concerns can be investigated in the first instance.

WHAT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE PERSONAL DATA?

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to Impulse Leisure during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, Impulse Leisure is unlikely to be able to process your application properly or at all.

AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING

Recruitment processes are not based solely on automated decision-making. However, Impulse Leisure's application tracking system (ATS) will request candidates to respond to the following:-

- 'if they are legally entitled to work in the UK'. If a candidate ticks 'no'; then they will not be able to complete the rest of the application process, and
- 'if they hold a valid National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)'. If a candidate ticks 'no'; then they will not be able to complete the rest of the application process.

Candidates who respond yes to proceed with the application, but are subsequently then unable to provide the correct right to work original documentation and/or who do not have a valid NPLQ will not proceed further in the recruitment process.

Any concerns relating to this question, should be directed to Lorna Mapson, Group Human Resources Manager – recruitment@impulseleisure.co.uk

CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA PROTECTION

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