

Full-Time Kitchen Staff – SAKIMOTO Japanese Bistro

SAKIMOTO Japanese Bistro is a Japanese restaurant located in the heart of Christchurch, welcoming a wide range of customers from local guests to international visitors and loyal regulars. Situated in Cathedral Junction, our restaurant offers a unique atmosphere where guests can enjoy their dining experience while watching the iconic tram pass by.

Due to our central location and proximity to event venues, we experience both steady service and busy peak periods. While the work can be fast-paced at times, it is also highly rewarding, as our team works closely together to deliver a high-quality dining experience.

Our team comprises staff from diverse cultural backgrounds, and we place a strong emphasis on teamwork across both front-of-house and kitchen operations. We support each other regardless of position, creating a positive and collaborative work environment. Even during busy service, there is a strong sense of achievement and unity within the team.

Position: Full-Time Kitchen Staff

We are currently looking for a full-time kitchen staff member to join our team.

Working hours:

Approximately 40 hours per week (with some variation depending on the roster).

Kitchen Structure

Our kitchen is divided into three main sections:

- Fry Section (Tempura / Deep Fry)
- Sushi & Sashimi Section
- Stove Section (Steak / Hot dishes)

Applicants with experience in one or more of these sections will be highly regarded.

Requirements

- Minimum 3 years of experience in the hospitality industry
- At least 1 year of experience in Japanese cuisine
- Ability to work independently with a strong sense of responsibility
- Strong teamwork and communication skills

- Ability to maintain quality and consistency under pressure
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What We Value

Although positions are divided between kitchen and front-of-house, we operate as one team. Staff are expected to support each other, including tasks such as cleaning, dishwashing, and general operations when needed.

During quieter periods, confidence and independence are important. During busy periods, speed, accuracy, and teamwork are essential. We are looking for individuals who can adapt to both situations and contribute positively to the team environment.

We take pride in maintaining a workplace where staff can feel a sense of accomplishment after service, and where mutual support is a key part of daily operations.

Employment Details

- Hourly rate: **\$28 – \$35 (depending on experience and skills)**
 - Final rate will be determined after a **one-day paid trial shift (trial interview)**
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Visa & Eligibility

Working Holiday visa holders are welcome to apply.
Work visa support may be available for suitable candidates.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this position, please send your CV to:

Email: sakimoto.manager@gmail.com

For more information about our restaurant, please visit:

www.sakimotojapanesebistro.com