



Vatel – Bahrain (College of Hospitality)



21-24 April 2025



Location
Aljasra



Institute Type
Private



Status
Not Listed on NQF



No. of Students
42

Overall Judgment

Compliant with the General Framework Standards

Main Finding

Established in 2018 under the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, Vatel Bahrain operates through an exclusive franchise agreement with Vatel France—renewed in 2024 for another five years—allowing it to offer certified international hospitality programmes tailored to local needs. This partnership ensures academic alignment with Vatel France’s standards while supporting Bahrain’s tourism goals. During the review the following practices were identified as areas of strength: a strong relationship with the franchisor, high graduate employability, secure and efficient ICT systems, diverse and regularly evaluated teaching methods, solid industry ties for internships and outreach, and a nurturing learning environment that fosters key personal and academic skills.

As per the review recommendations, Vatel Bahrain should enhance institutional resilience by updating its risk register to include key strategic risks and establishing a local contingency plan to safeguard academic continuity. The institution should fast-track its hiring strategy—focusing on academic leadership and senior-level diversity—while also implementing a robust student information system and upgrading admissions and certification processes. Vatel Bahrain is further encouraged to adopt a benchmarking framework for non-academic functions to guide improvement efforts without compromising the franchisor’s authority. Additionally, key areas identified for enhancement include standardizing internship practices, building stakeholder feedback channels for community engagement, and developing comprehensive academic advising and counselling services for holistic student support.



Compliant with the General
Framework Standards



Partially Compliant with the General
Framework Standards



Not Compliant with the General
Framework Standards