

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Food Oral Examiner's Report May 2023

General

The food oral exam, whilst requiring a working knowledge of food standards legislation, is primarily a test of the practical application of that knowledge.

Candidates who have had the opportunity to undertake some practical food standards enforcement activities, including sampling and the investigation of offences and breaches, will usually attain a pass mark.

In this exam cycle there were clearly some candidates who had been given the opportunity to undertake some practical food enforcement activities and those candidates generally attained the required pass mark.

There were also some candidates who, whilst having some legal knowledge of some aspects of food legislation, did not present with sufficient knowledge of the practical aspects and of the decision making needed to enforce food legislation.

In general, those candidates struggled in this exam.