

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Weights and Measures Written Examiner's Report May 2023

General

There was only one candidate for the September re-sit. The answers were insufficiently detailed and did not show a great depth of understanding of the issues that were being addressed in the questions. Legal metrology is a practical subject and can only be really understood when theoretical knowledge is combined with practical experience. This is clearly not happening in some authorities.

There are three points to note from this year's examination.

- 1) The marking scheme allows marks to be awarded for the use of specific terms and phrases, when this is combined with a pass mark of only 40% it is relatively easy for candidates to gain sufficient marks to pass the exam without demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter being examined. This point has been noted in successive examiners reports
- 2) There is a clear difference between the candidates that have worked very hard to understand the subject and those who have not been able to devote sufficient time to the exam.
- 3) There is a clear knowledge gap regarding the supply of goods and instruments between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. This exam applies to the United Kingdom and candidates must understand the implications of the different legislative frameworks that now exist between the different parts of the country.