

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Feed Oral Examiner's Report September 2022

General

Two candidates took the oral exam. The average pass mark was 62%. The oral exam in September 22 was conducted via Microsoft Teams. Despite the virtual nature of the examination, candidates are encouraged to:

- Keep good posture and maintain eye contact. Ensure that the computer is set up and the camera is steady and operational.
- Verbalise their thoughts otherwise there will be extended periods of silence where no marks are being gained.
- Be confident in the discussions with the examiner, even if unsure verbalise the thought process.
- Avoid rambling when you do not know the answer.

The oral examination comprised of a 15-minute interview with the candidate to assess competency with regards feed law. The format of the feed oral exam being held remotely without the examiner and the candidate meeting has been in operation for a couple of years now and appears to work well.

The oral examination was based on scenario situations with the expectation that candidates would discuss the matter presented to them. Marks were awarded for knowledge on the relevant legislation, enforcement powers, sampling procedures, how information was obtained and analysed, actions and conclusions and the manner of communication.

Area of knowledge	Examiners Comments
Knowledge of the Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenarios were presented that included the use of former foods as a feed, registration of feed businesses, HACCP, labelling, enforcement and sampling procedures and primary production. On the whole the questions asked were responded to well though some prompting was required to extract the information from candidates.
Knowledge of Enforcement Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A satisfactory level of knowledge on enforcement powers and the actions that can be taken to promote compliance including an understanding on the relevant notices that could be served.
Sampling Procedures	<p>Whilst candidates knew the theory on how to sample, some of the expected practical knowledge was missing and prompting was required. As with the earlier exam cycle, with the portfolio being deferred and no longer</p>

	<p>requiring completion prior to the exam, this could account for the lack of knowledge in this area.</p>
Information Obtained and Analysed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the whole information was obtained and analysed well. Some prompting was required with some questions to extract the expected answer.
Action and Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge was demonstrated by the candidates for different scenarios and actions and conclusions drawn. Both candidates required a level of prompting to obtain information. It is important to consider the scenario and answer the question asked.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst it is more difficult to assess body language via Microsoft Teams, candidates overall appeared relaxed with good verbal communication.