

Qualifications Framework written examination

Unit 4: Product Safety

November 2025

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate clearly at the top of the answer booklet, the law viewpoint from which you will be answering: English, Scottish or Welsh.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not in force (i.e. has been enacted) and regulations which have been made but are not yet in force, if they are directly relevant to the subject-matter of the examination.

Examination structure

There are two sections to the examination paper:

Section A Consists of six questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.
Total allocation of marks is 40 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 30 minutes.

Section B Consists of four questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 60 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 60 minutes.

Total time allowed – one hour thirty minutes (plus ten minutes' reading time).

Note:

The Product Safety paper is a **closed book**; no materials are permitted to be taken into the examination room.

The examination paper has (four) pages, including this front sheet.

Exam: Unit 4: Product Safety

Exam cycle: November 2025

Date: 6 November 2025

Reading time: 10 minutes

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Max: 100 marks

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.

Each question carries ten marks.

Total: 40 marks.

1. Briefly explain what PAS 7055: Button and Coin Batteries – Safety Requirements is and what its relevance is to product safety legislation. (10 marks)
2. Explain what the concept of conformity assessment is, providing examples. (10 marks)
3. Explain, using examples, what ‘placing on the market’ and ‘making available on the market’ are in relation to product safety legislation and the UK market. (10 marks)
4. What is ‘serious risk’ in relation to product safety, and what actions would arise from it? (10 marks)
5. You receive a complaint that a rechargeable blender (via a USB outlet) has blades that are accessible when the product is turned on. What regulatory framework would apply to such a product and how would you determine whether or not this could be considered to be a compliant product? (10 marks)
6. What is a ‘product safety incident plan’ (PSIP)?
Outline briefly what advice you would give to a business seeking to develop one. (10 marks)

Section A total of 40 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B

Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Each question carries 30 marks.
Total: 60 marks.

7. Answer both parts of the question:

(a) You visit a second-hand shop specialising in refurbished electrical products and machinery to conduct a routine inspection following complaints about the quality and safety of products supplied. Prepare a checklist for the inspection, detailing what you will be looking at whilst in the store.

(15 marks)

(b) You find various non-compliances during your inspection and the store asks for advice to prevent further issues. Briefly detail the legal advice that you will provide.

(15 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

8. Answer both parts of the question:

(a) You are investigating an offence in relation to the supply of an unsafe soft toy and request the evidence of conformity. Detail what you would expect to be provided with, and how you would use this information.

(15 marks)

(b) The importer indicates that they intend to use the due diligence defence if you intend to institute proceedings. Explain how the information that you have received will impact on this, citing relevant case law as appropriate.

(15 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

Section B continues over the page.

9. Answer both parts of the question:

(a) Outline what a Product Safety Management Plan is, and what you would expect one to include.
(20 marks)

(b) What elements of this would you suggest an importer of small, mains-powered electrical products should have in place?
(10 marks)
(Total: 30 marks)

10. Your service is approached for advice by a new business in your area which intends to import and supply various products direct to consumers, including cosmetics and cosmetic beauty accessories such as makeup brushes and backlit, rechargeable, battery-operated mirrors.

Outline the advice you would give them in respect of these product groups.
(30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.