

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Food Oral Examiner's Report September 2021

The exam was conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams using PowerPoint to show product labels, advertisements and other images. Questions assessed the following criteria

- Knowledge of legislation
- Knowledge of enforcement powers
- Sampling procedures
- Action and conclusions
- Communication

Where the internet connection caused problems additional examination time was given.

Candidates were able to recall and discuss the general mandatory information with some good answers from those able to confidently identify requirements for other legislation covering food composition, labelling and descriptions. Understanding of food contaminants was more variable with candidates recognising the contaminants listed but limited in the understanding of the regulations and impacts on sampling.

Responses to scenarios exploring the application of enforcement powers and sampling to practical situations indicated varying levels of knowledge. This may demonstrate candidate's differing levels of practical experience.

Candidates will be expected to explain their reasoning and will be probed by the examiner. This doesn't necessarily mean the answer given is incorrect but is used to test understanding. This also reflects how officer's decisions will be questioned by food business operators as well as their own local authority managers especially in the use of powers.