

CPCF Stage 2 Weights and Measures Practical and Oral guidance for Candidates

Overview

Stage 2 assessments

This second stage of the CTSI Professional Competency Framework (CPCF) consists of three Units.

- Unit 4: Trading Standards Law Part 2 (comprising of Weights and Measures, Food, Feed and Product Safety);
- Unit 5: Investigations;
- Unit 6: Regulating Markets.

Of the above Units, only Unit 4: Weights and Measures has both Practical and Oral exams.

Oral examination:

The Weights and Measures oral examinations will be 30 minutes in duration. Candidates will rotate around 4 different stations spending 7 minutes at each station, changing examiners. This is highly beneficial to candidates as each examiner will be stationed at their post of expertise. This will enable candidates to get a well-rounded, standardised set of questions at each station, by a variety of examiners, giving individuals the chance to shine and demonstrate their knowledge of the items, equipment and artefacts on display.

Examples of areas covered would include:

- NAWI and weighing
- AWI weighing, taxi meters, packaged goods
- CSMs, tapes (length), beer dispensers
- Water meters, fuel, LPG and road-tankers

The assessment categories are as follows:

- Knowledge of legislation and enforcement powers
- Technical Knowledge
- Information obtained and practical solutions
- Communication

Practical Examinations

The practical exam will be 2 hours split into two sections of 1 hour each and a 15-minute break between each 1-hour periods. You will be assigned to an examination table for each 1-hour exam.

The exam paper will have instructions on the front page.

In front of you are pieces of equipment that you will be asked to test. You will write your answers in the answer booklets provided. Where required, any further information to help you answer the questions within your exam will be provided with the exam paper.

You may not speak to any other candidate during the course of the exam. You may not discuss the exam outside of the exam room.

Outlined below is the potential areas of examination:

- Inspector weighing equipment
- Inspector's capacity equipment
- Material measures of length
- NAWI
- Average quantity
- Measuring container Bottle
- Density of liquid; both gaseous and non gaseous.

For information on the professional interviews, please download the separate guidance found under the Candidate Guidance section on the Qualifications Resource, CPCF Training & Exams tab.

A full guide is provided as well as a short guide.