



IBD EXAMINATION BOARD
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REVIEW FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

OVERVIEW

In 2022 a significant step change was achieved in the IBD examination candidate journey, both through the introduction of new members to IBD Examination Board team and its partnering with a new assessment platform supplier (TestReach). This all resulted in every IBD examination in 2022 being taken online.

In 2022 almost 3000 candidates in over 90 different countries, sat at least one of IBD's examinations ranging from Foundation level all the way up to Master Brewer and Master Distiller level.

I am pleased to announce that after the IBD 2022 examinations sessions, there are now a further 7 new IBD Master Brewers and 2 new IBD Master Distillers, as well as 99 Qualified IBD Diploma Brewers, 38 Qualified IBD Diploma Distillers and 21 Qualified IBD Diploma Packagers.

In addition to this 153 candidates in total successfully passed the IBD Foundation level examinations and 809 passed the General Certificate Examinations.

Our warmest congratulations to all candidates who passed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Natalie Jewitt and Chloe Falodun for their hard work, dedication and support in the delivery of the 2022 examination cycles, their contribution to the delivery of the IBD Examinations is, and continues to be exemplary.

I would also like to thank every single one of the Examiners for their amazing contribution and dedication to the IBD Examination Board. It is a privilege and honour to have their support across the respective elements of the examination cycles. Special thanks goes to George Blair and Mike Partridge for their service and recognition as they have both retired as examiners after the 2022 examinations and also to David Cook who resigned from the IBD Examination Board to join the IBD Board of Trustees

To all candidates, good luck and very best wishes in your future studies and careers and please look out for future articles and publications from the IBD which will help support and guide you through the examination processes.

Deborah Kennedy

Chair of the Board of Examiners

2022 EXAMINATIONS AND RESULTS

Master Examinations

Due to the number of candidates taking the Master Brewer and Master Distiller examinations in 2022, the Examination Board is not able to publish the overall results and statistics to protect data privacy of candidates

Diploma Examinations

Examination	Overall Pass Rate %	% of candidates achieving each grade						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Diploma Brewing 1	49	4	8	14	24	16	18	16
Diploma Brewing 2	65	4	14	14	32	16	10	10
Diploma Brewing 3	59	4	13	21	21	21	9	11
Diploma Distilling 1	48	2	7	14	28	16	18	15
Diploma Distilling 2	90	10	29	27	24	5	5	0
Diploma Distilling 3	68	15	15	13	25	15	8	9
Diploma Packaging 1	55	0	8	18	29	21	17	7
Diploma Packaging 2	71	11	37	9	14	9	6	14
Diploma Packaging 3	46	6	14	20	6	20	20	14

General Certificate Examinations

Examination	Overall Pass Rate %	% of candidates achieving each grade			
		Distinction	Credit	Pass	Fail
General Certificate of Brewing	54	2	16	36	47
General Certificate of Distilling	70	8	24	38	27
General Certificate of Cider Making	62	3	18	41	37
General Certificate of Malting	72	5	29	38	29
General Certificate of Packaging Beer	49	1	11	37	52
General Certificate of Packaging Spirits	53	0	16	37	47

Foundation Examinations

Examination	Overall Pass Rate %	% of candidates achieving each grade			
		Distinction	Credit	Pass	Fail
Foundation of Brewing	87	20	35	32	13
Foundation of Distilling	37	1	7	29	62

EXAMINER FEEDBACK

General Feedback

Studying for an IBD Qualification represents a significant commitment from candidates and their employers. The level of study recommended by IBD is referenced on the IBD website during the registration process for the examinations, and the IBD Examination Board recommends that this is read carefully by candidates.

The IBD website also contains lots of other specific and useful information for candidates including

- all of the syllabi which contain the full scope of what the examiners will set questions on in each of the examinations.
- a guide on how to study for and sit your examinations effectively and this can be found here [How to Study and Sit your Examination Effectively \(ibd.org.uk\)](https://www.ibd.org.uk/how-to-study-and-sit-your-examination-effectively).
- a list of the most frequently asked questions by candidates which can be found here [Exams FAQ \(ibd.org.uk\)](https://www.ibd.org.uk/exams-faq).

Specific Feedback

Examiners were asked to provide any specific feedback that they felt could help Diploma and Master candidates in the future and below are some direct quotations

Diploma Examinations

- *“Read the question and answer appropriately”*
- *“Use technical knowledge, good practices and experience in the answer”*
- *“Do not forget the importance of recipes, specifications, procedures and and/or standards (standard operating procedures) for control of processes”*
- *“Keep up to date with fermentation and beer processing knowledge as well as distillation with the IBD Brewer and Distiller International magazine”*
- *“Please answer the number of long answer questions required”*

Master Examinations

- *“Answers which combined know-how with evidence of practical experience achieved the best marks”*

- *“When answering a trouble-shooting type question, both the methodology (how) and the actions to be taken (what) need to be covered”*
- *“When asked ‘state all assumptions’, please do so. These provide the foundation for an answer and enable particular circumstances/processes/plant that candidates are familiar with can be taken into account”*
- *“candidates would benefit from spending more time studying and understanding the financial and broader business aspects of the masters syllabi as to be successful in today’s brewing and distilling businesses, good financial and business understanding is key. This aspect of candidates answer papers is often answered poorly or avoided”*

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