

Foundation Examination Report
March 2025 Session



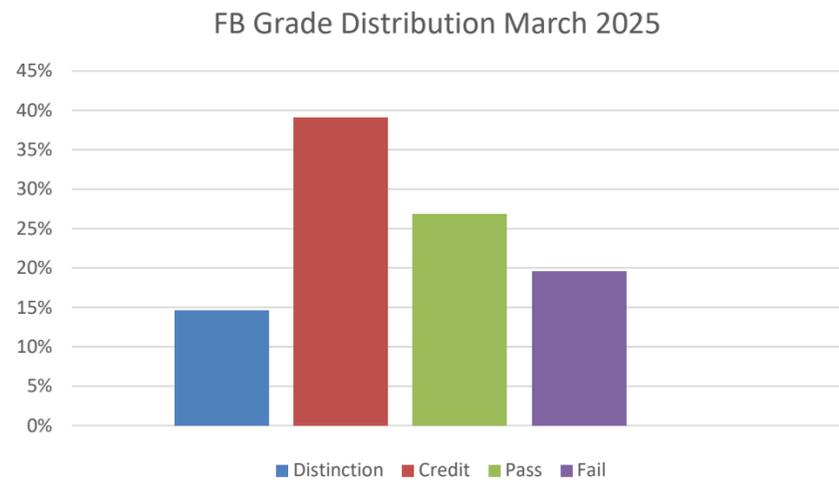
Chair of Board of Examiners Summary

- **All results have been marked and moderated using the CIBD Examination Board protocols and have been approved and signed off by the CIBD Chair of Board of Examiners**
- **Pass marks for the March 2025 examination sessions were in alignment with standards set for the General Certificate examinations (NB: the pass marks can be skewed by smaller cohorts)**
- **On average, candidates only used between 30% and 45% of the two hours allotted to the examination, with the mean, less than 40%**
- **Generally, topics were well covered across the syllabus units in all examinations however there were several topics in which the performance was lower than expected, details of these are on the following slides**



Examination Board Results: March 2025

Foundation in Brewing



80%

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- No questions in the Exam Paper = 50
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 30%

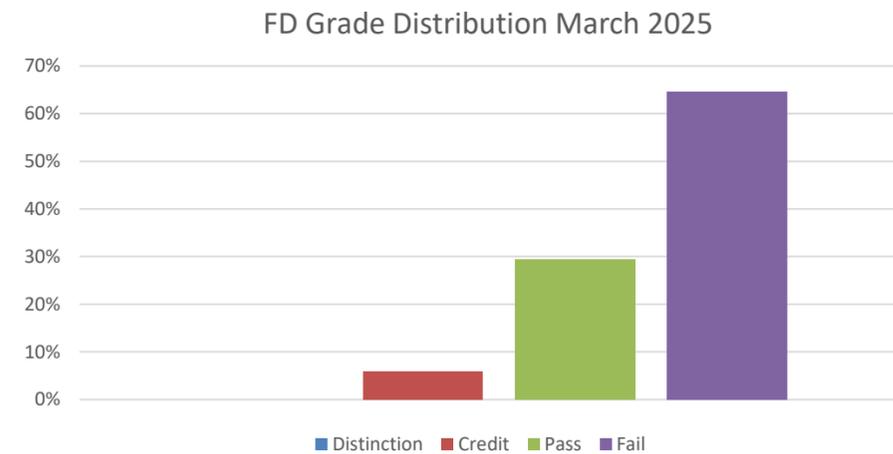
Units candidates performed particularly well in:

Unit 04 – Fermentation

Units candidates performed particularly poorly in:

N/A

Foundation in Distilling



35%

Foundation in Distilling

- N° questions in the Exam Paper = 50
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 45%

Units candidates performed particularly well in:

Unit 01 - An Overview of Distilled Products;

Unit 13 - Quality - Sensory Evaluation;

Unit 14 - Quality - Plant Hygiene and Cleaning Systems

Units candidates performed particularly poorly in:

Unit 17 - Distilling and the Environment

X% = Pass rate





General Comments

Scope of Examination

The Foundation examinations test knowledge across the full breadth of the syllabus and whilst candidates are not guaranteed to be asked questions on absolutely everything, they still need to be prepared to answer questions on all topics. Therefore, to ensure a positive result when taking the examination, candidates must ensure that they have fully engaged with the learning materials and any additional recommended study time or wider reading, as well as ensuring revision of the full breadth of the syllabus.

Reading and Understanding

Candidates should ensure they read the question wording carefully and be certain they answer the question being asked. If in doubt, candidates can use the 'flag' function in TestReach to select a question that they wish to come back to and check they have read what the question is asking or re-check the answer they have chosen.

Multiple responses

Candidates should always double-check how many answers are required for each question. In some instances, two (2) answers are needed to get the full mark. Candidates must ensure they select both answers.

Future Examination Preparation

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions that will help with getting you ready to take any future assessments with the IBD, candidates are strongly recommended to review the FAQs document here: [Foundation & General Certificate FAQ | Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers](#)

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