



General Certificate Examination Report
October 2025 Session



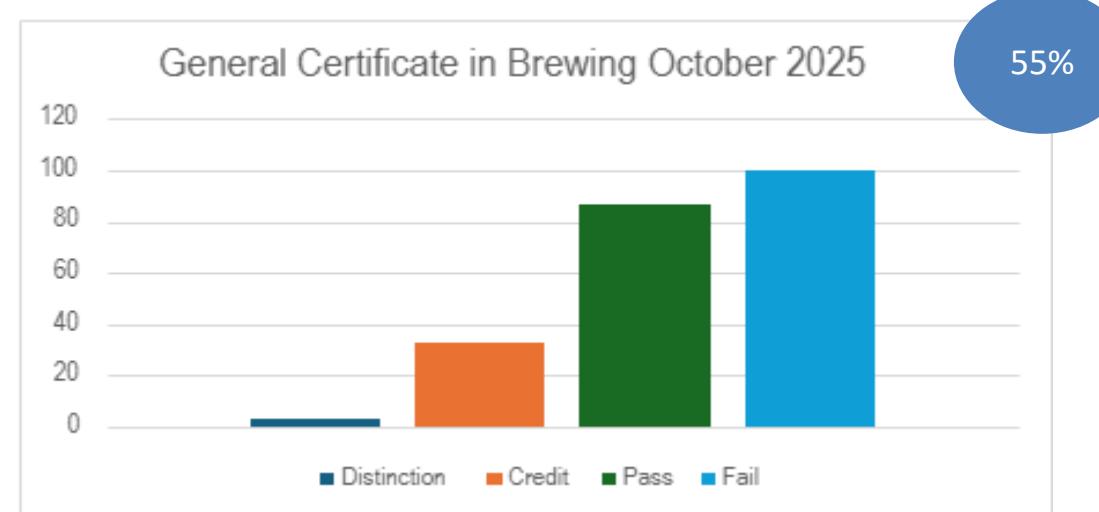
Chair of Board of Examiners Summary

- 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 October 2025 examination sessions are generally in alignment with standards set for the General Certificate examinations.
- On average, candidates only used 58% of the two hours allotted to the examination, with the exception of General Certificate in Brewing – Spanish, where the candidates used up to 70% of the allotted time.
- 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.



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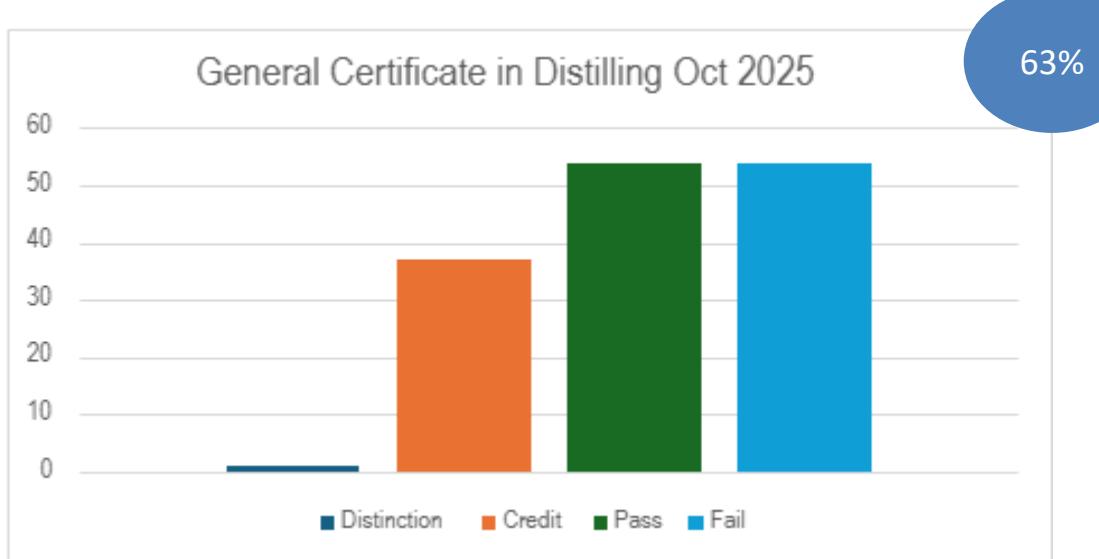
General Certificate in Brewing



General Certificate in Brewing

- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 56%

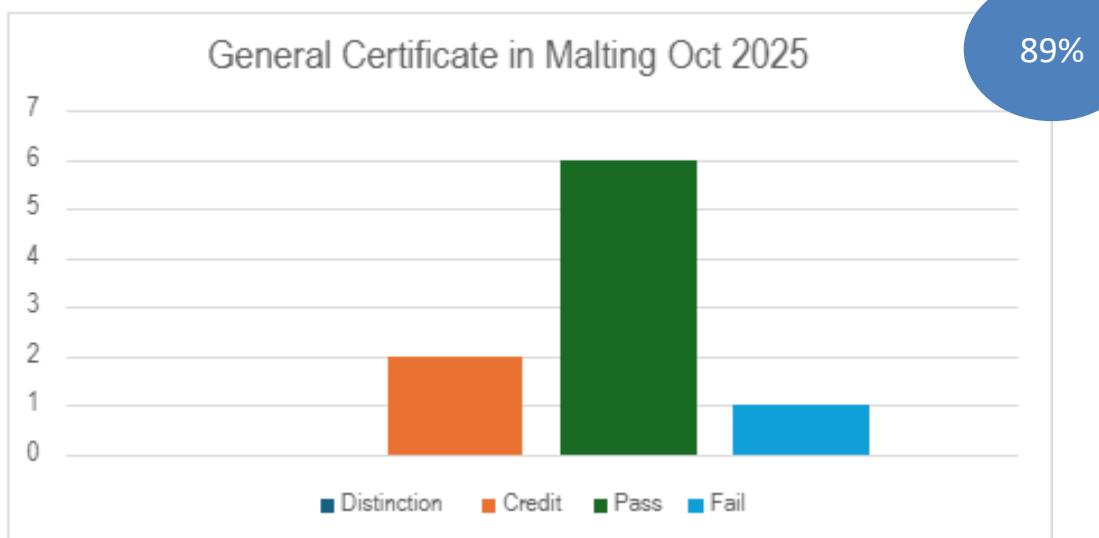
General Certificate in Distilling



General Certificate in Distilling

- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 50%

General Certificate in Malting



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- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 52%

x%

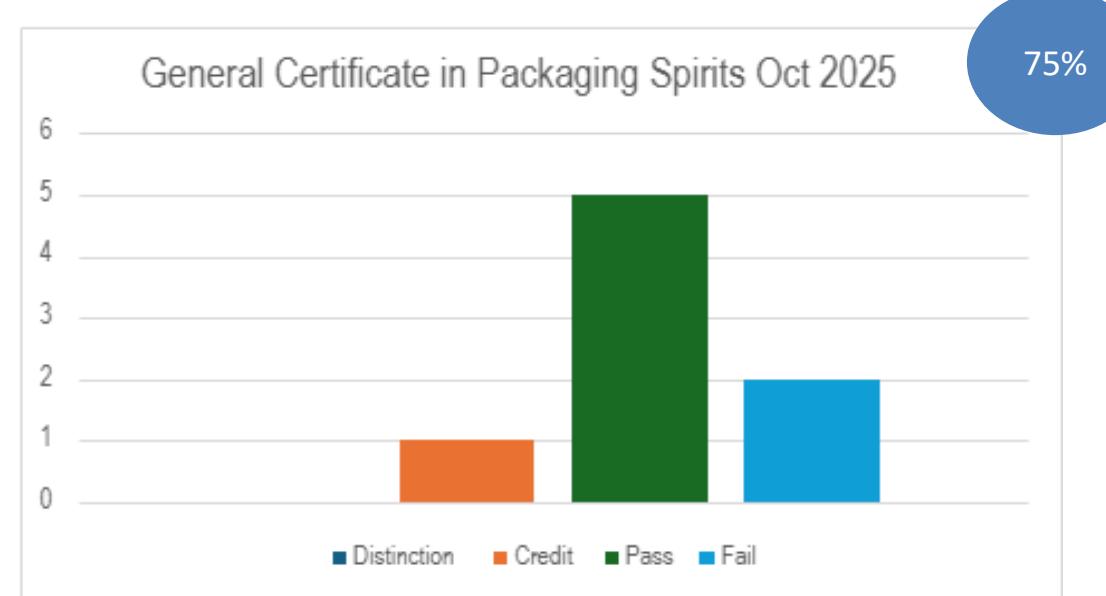
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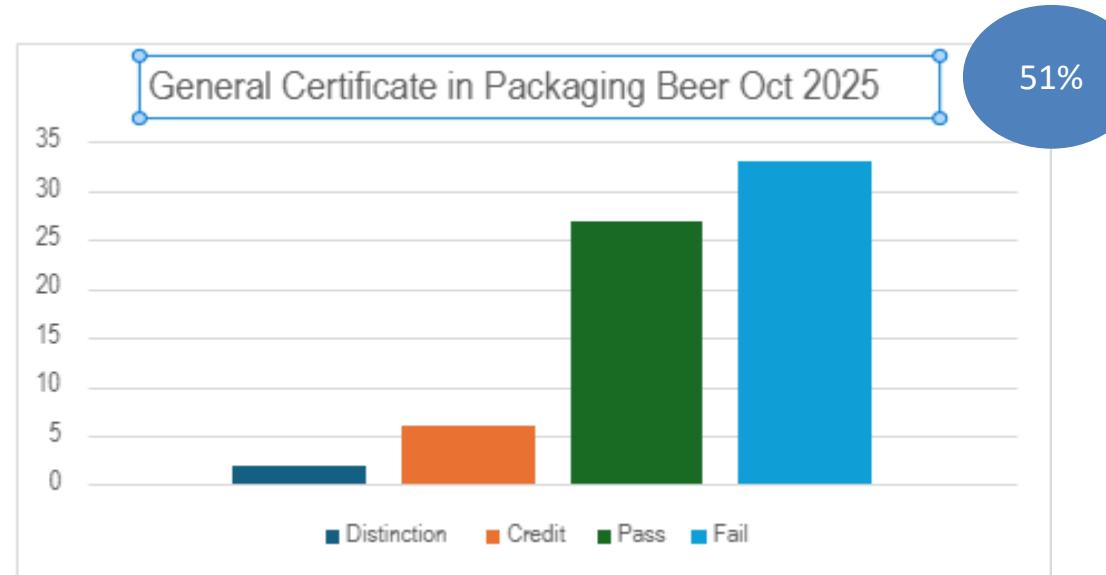
General Certificate in Packaging Spirits



General Certificate in Packaging Spirits

- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 66%

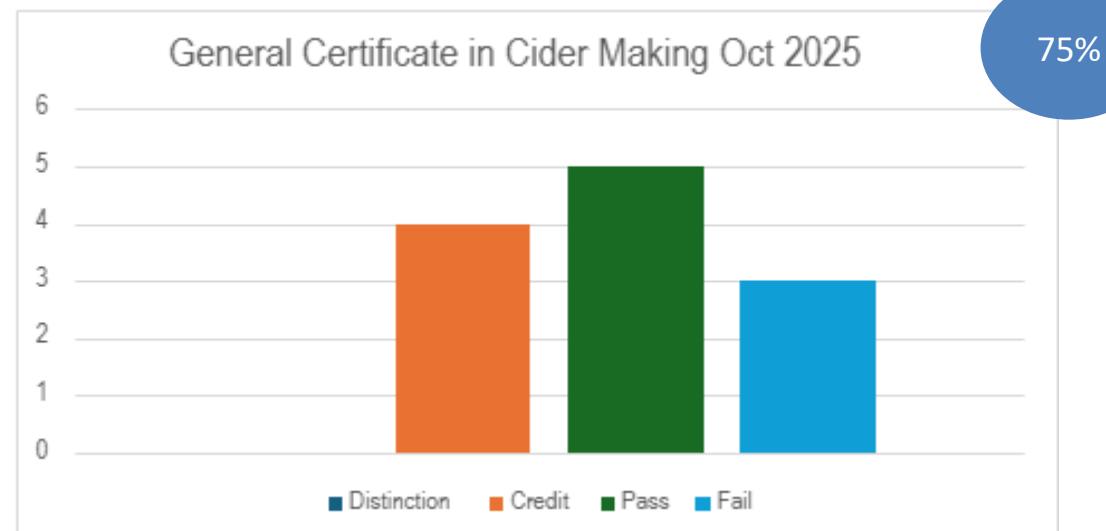
General Certificate in Packaging Beer



General Certificate in Packaging Beer

- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 58%

General Certificate in Cider Making



General Certificate in Cider Making

- Nº of questions in the Exam Paper = 60
- Average % of total time spent in exam = 50%

x%

= Pass rate





General Comments

Scope of Examination

The General Certificate 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 a small number of instances, two (2) answers are needed to get the full mark. Candidates must ensure they select **both** answers to get the mark.

Future Examination Preparation

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

For any questions, please contact
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