

Diploma Assessment Preparation Scheme FAQ

What is the WSET Diploma Assessment Preparation Scheme (DAPS)?

DAPS is designed to give students an additional tool in preparing for the rigorous Diploma examinations. Students will receive practice examinations to be completed by certain dates. It is the student's responsibility to recreate exam conditions as closely as possible. The practice exams will contain detailed information on how to submit your answers.

How do I enroll in DAPS?

Most students are automatically registered for DAPS as they register for specific Units of the Diploma. IWC will inform you if you are **not** entitled to automatic registration, and will offer you the opportunity to buy-in to the program.

What is the cost of the program?

The cost of DAPS is included in the price of all Units (except Unit 1).

When and how will I be contacted about DAPS by the WSET?

The WSET DAPS administrator will contact you via email approximately 4 weeks prior to the relevant DAPS submission deadline(s) (see below).

What are the details of the program?

Unit 2 (Wine Production) - Multiple-choice Test

A test paper of 100 multiple-choice questions to be completed online under exam conditions. Instant feedback on submission.

Unit 3 (Light Wines of the World) - Theory questions and tasting notes

A series of 10 theory essay questions to be completed under examination conditions and returned to the WSET over a period of 10 weeks, as follows:

- 2 questions on topics from Element 1 (Northern and Western Europe)
- 2 questions on topics from Element 2 (Central, Southern and South-Eastern Europe)
- 2 questions on topics from Element 3 (Africa, Australasia and Asia)
- 2 questions on topics from Element 4 (The Americas)
- 2 questions on topics from the whole Unit 3 syllabus

4 lists of 3 generic wine styles (e.g., light, fruity red) on which students can write tasting notes, to be returned to the WSET for assessment and feedback

Unit 4 (Spirits), Unit 5 (Sparkling Wines), and Unit 6 (Fortified Wines) - Theory question and tasting notes

A theory question to be completed under examination conditions and returned to the WSET for assessment and feedback

A list of 3 generic styles of samples (relative to the Unit studied) on which students can write tasting notes, to be returned to the WSET for assessment and feedback

How and when do I submit my work?

For each test, submissions will be open for 1 month prior to the final submission date. Submissions should be sent using the submission tools on the WSET Online Classroom website according to the instructions associated with each Unit.

Feedback will be provided immediately for Unit 2, and 3 weeks after the submission date(s) for all other units.

Students will be required to submit their work in a format compatible with the submission software and the Online Classroom Website. All submissions will be scanned for plagiarism.

Submission Dates

During academic year 2011/12, the following submission dates are available. Deadlines are as of midnight GMT, so **be sure to adjust for your time zone** in your on-line profile.

Unit 2 Preparation Feedback

- From August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012 (rolling submission)

Examination Preparation Feedback

- Unit 4: October 2, 2011
- Unit 5: October 2, 2011
- Unit 6: October 2, 2011
- Unit 3:
 - Weekly essay submissions: October 2 thru December 4, 2011
 - Bi-weekly tasting notes submissions: October 9 thru November 20, 2011

Are these the only submission dates?

Submissions are due by the dates advertised, and will be open for 1 month prior to the advertised date. Late submissions will not be accepted. No extensions to the advertised submission dates will be offered.

Once registered, no refunds are given for DAPS feedback tests. This includes refunds or reductions in fees for missed submission dates or late enrollments.

A few final words

- Students are advised to submit their assignments at least 12 hours prior to the final submission deadline time to allow for high server load. No allowances will be made for students failing to do this.
- Students are responsible for ensuring their submissions are in the correct format as advertised. Submissions in unrecognized formats will be ignored.
- Students are responsible for checking the confirmation of their submission is correct and resubmitting if necessary. No allowances will be made for submission errors that are not reported prior to the submission deadline.
- Technical issues affecting submissions should be reported to **onlineclassroom@wset.co.uk** before the submission deadline