

# 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 students' responsibility to recreate exam conditions as closely as possible. The practice exams will contain detailed information on how to submit your answers. Feedback will be received through email so it is vital that you keep us up to date on your email address.

## **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 offer you the opportunity to buy-in to the program.

## **What is the cost of the program?**

Most students have either prepaid for the DAPS program with their Unit 1-2 registration or will have the cost of DAPS included as they sign up for the various Units.

## **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 1 (Global Business of Alcoholic Beverages) Case-Study*

A sample case study to be researched by the students in preparation for a theory question to be completed under examination conditions and returned to the WSET for feedback.

### *Unit 1 Coursework Assignment*

A sample assignment brief completed under open-booked conditions and returned to the WSET for feedback.

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## *Unit 2 (Wine Production) Multiple-choice Test*

A test paper of 100 multiple-choice questions completed online under examination conditions.

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

10 theory questions to be completed under examination conditions and returned to the WSET weekly 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

2 lists of 6 wine styles (eg light, fruity red) on which students can write tasting notes under open book conditions. The notes are returned to the WSET for feedback with essays #5 and #10.

## *Unit 4 (Spirits) Theory question and tasting notes*

## *Unit 5 (Sparkling Wines) Theory question and tasting notes*

## *Unit 6 (Fortified Wines) Theory question and tasting notes*

A theory question to be completed under examination conditions and returned to the WSET.

A list of 3 samples on which students can write tasting notes under open book conditions. The notes are to be returned to the WSET for 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 via email according to the instructions associated with each Unit. Feedback will be provided immediately for Unit 2 and 3 weeks after the final submission date for all other units.

Students will be required to submit their work in one of the following formats: MS Word, WordPerfect, PostScript, PDF, HTML, RTF, or plain text. File size limit: 10 MB. All submissions will be scanned for plagiarism.

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## Submission Dates

During academic year 2009/10 we will be offering the following submission dates (all deadlines are as of midnight GMT, please adjust for your time zone):

### *Unit 1 Assignment Preparation Feedback*

Unit 1 April 2010 Assignment: January 3, 2010 DAPS submission

Unit 1 November 2010 Assignment: August 1, 2010 submission

### *Unit 2 Preparation Feedback*

Unit 2 From September 1, 2009 (rolling submission)

### *November Examination Preparation Feedback*

Unit 1 Case Study: September 6, 2009 submission

Unit 4: October 4, 2009 submission

Unit 5: October 4, 2009 submission

Unit 6: October 4, 2009 submission

### *January Examination Preparation Feedback*

Unit 3 Weekly essay submissions: October 11–December 13, 2009

Tasting notes submissions: November 8 & December 13, 2009

### *March Examination Preparation Feedback*

Unit 1 Case Study: January 10, 2010 submission

Unit 4: February 7, 2010 submission

Unit 5: February 7, 2010 submission

Unit 6: February 7, 2010 submission

### *June Examination Preparation Feedback*

Unit 1 Case Study: April 11, 2010 submission

Unit 4: May 9, 2010 submission

Unit 5: May 9, 2010 submission

Unit 6: May 9, 2010 submission

Unit 3: Weekly essay submissions: March 7 – May 9, 2010

Tasting notes submissions: April 4 & May 9, 2010

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## **Are these the only submission dates?**

Submissions are only available on 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 reduction in fees for missed submission dates or late enrollments.

## **Any final words?**

Yes:

- 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 [distancediploma@wset.co.uk](mailto:distancediploma@wset.co.uk) before the submission deadline.