

Transitional Student Unit 1 Examinations FAQ

(This information applies if you have handed in zero through three short form Coursework Assignments.)

If you started Diploma prior to June 1st you were told that you needed to complete 4 shorter form Coursework Assignments to earn a pass for Unit 1. You now have two choices as outlined below:

A. Continue to submit the short-form Coursework Assignments (CWAs)

The WSET will post 4 short form CWAs for submission in April and November as it has in the past. Here is the remaining schedule of short form CWA questions and submission dates:

Event	Date
4 Short-form CWA Questions Posted	May, 2008
Valid Submission Dates	November 2008
	April 2009
4 new Short-form CWA Questions Posted	May 2009
Valid Submission Dates	November 2009
	April 2010
END SHORT-FORM CWA PROGRAM	

Whoa, What if I do not finish 4 Short Form CWAs by April 2010?

Then you will be automatically transferred to the new program based on the following chart:

Passed	Needs to Complete
Zero Short Form CWAs	Closed book Case Study & Long Form CWA
One Short Form CWA	Closed book Case Study
Two Short Form CWAs	Closed book Case Study
Three Short Form CWAs	Closed book Case Study

B. Transfer to the new Program

Alternatively you may simply transfer to the new program based on the above conversion chart. You may transfer at any time but keep in mind it is a one-way trip.

Seems like “Closed book Case Study” is the answer to all of the conversions?

Glad you noticed that, only the weighting of the Closed book Case Study changes creating points of advantage and disadvantage in transferring to the new system. Of course this is only true if you are an exam agnostic so make sure you look at the conversion chart carefully and consider what your strong suits are in sitting examinations.

Short Form Coursework Assignments FAQ

What are Short Form Coursework Assignments?

Coursework Assignments (CWAs) are required to pass Diploma Unit 1: The Global Business of Alcoholic Beverages. The assignments are independent research papers that will either take the form of reports or essays of between 1500 and 2000 words. The assignment titles (the questions to be answered) will be posted on the Wine and Spirit Education Trust web site www.wsetglobal.com in May and will be valid for the next two submission dates in November and April. Each assignment will have a particular ‘business’ issue as part of the brief. Once you have successfully completed four assignments you will be awarded **Unit 1 - The Global Business of Alcoholic Beverages**.

Further information about Coursework Assignments can be found in the Candidate Assessment Guide

How many coursework assignments do I have to pass to gain Unit 1?

You will need to submit and pass 4 coursework assignments in total to gain Unit 1. These assignments are not due all at one deadline or even in one academic year. To the contrary, you decide how many assignments, if any, you will submit for the bi-annual deadlines.

Can I submit all 4 assignments in one year?

Yes, but we would strongly advise that you spread the workload over two years. This will also allow you to benefit from feedback.

Where can I find the questions for the Coursework Assignments?

The questions are posted on the WSET website (west.co.uk) under the Qualification: Diploma: Coursework Assignments subheadings.

Will we be receiving additional guidance on how to write each coursework assignment?

Yes, each Unit 1 coursework assignment title will be accompanied by an assignment brief detailing what is required and how the weighting of marks will be allocated. Too, the Candidate Assessment Guide offers detailed information on preparing your papers.

When can I hand my coursework assignment in?

There will be two submission dates in each academic year; these will be the second Tuesday in November and April.

Do I have to inform International Wine Center when I want to hand in a Coursework Assignment?

Absolutely, it is imperative that you inform us which titles out of the 4 you will be submitting and in which month. This is important, as we will need to register you with WSET Awards 2 weeks before the actual submission date. If you fail to do you're your assignment may not be valid for submission.

What happens if I have registered to hand a piece of coursework in but due to work constraints realize that this is impossible?

You will have the option to transfer your submission date for a minimal administration fee (please note that this is only possible if the second submission date falls within the same academic year). Alternatively if you choose not to hand your coursework in you will lose your registration fee and pay an additional fee when you are ready to submit your coursework assignment.

If I submit all 4 pieces of coursework in November but fail them all can I then resubmit them again in April when I have done more work on them?

No, you only have one attempt at each of the 4 titles per academic year.

If I submit 2 pieces of coursework in November but fail them, can I then submit the other two titles in April?

Yes, the new system allows candidates to re-sit in the same academic year but candidates can only attempt a title once.

If I submit a coursework in April when will I get my results?

Results are issued within 12 weeks.