

## STELDrafossing | Competency Framework

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## General

A total of twenty-eight candidates attempted the regulating markets professional interview during this round, the highest number since the CPCF has been offered, achieving between 43% and 90%, and significant proportion of the marks fell in the central band of 50% to 70%. All candidates passed prior to moderation, and whilst the majority were good, some were truly excellent.

A total of five scenarios were used for this round, reflecting the number of candidates entering and the fact that the interviews had to be conducted over the course of four days. All candidates were allocated their scenario in advance of the interview and five questions were posed in each interview.

The scenarios used were drawn from product safety through to foreign bodies in food along with

other regulatory issues, and considered product and activity risk, along with process and market risk. The examination is primarily a verbal problem-solving exercise under examination conditions, which requires the candidate to consider a brief regulatory scenario which they may encounter during their daily work and determine what actions could arise out of it. Ten minutes reading time provides the candidate with the opportunity to consider this and then the questions are used to guide the discussion. Often candidates provide discussion of questions not yet asked, but this can be

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basis. It is clear that those candidates with the most practical experience tended to do best in the examination, and the complementary activities of portfolio building also assists with this.

While many candidates had said everything that they wished to say well before the time limit of 20 minutes on the questions, some found that they needed all of the time available. In general, there was no significant correlation between the marks awarded and the time taken, although there were exceptions to this.

Candidates were all very professional in their approach and clearly understand the expectations of the examination and approach it in a positive way. The result of this is a 100% pass rate well done!

