



## Qualifications Framework

### Stage 2: Food

#### Oral Examiner's Report May 2024

For the first time in a number of years there was a substantial cohort of candidates sitting this exam.

It is of benefit to all Food Services that the numbers of qualified & capable Officers entering the profession are increased.

Both CTSI and the candidate`s Food Services are to be commended on this increase in numbers.

The Food Oral exam again saw potential Food Officers with a range of abilities present themselves for the examination.

The majority of candidates had excellent knowledge of food legislation and detailed knowledge of food information and labelling.

However, the Food Oral exam is, by its very nature, an examination of the practical application of that knowledge. Candidates only having knowledge of food law, albeit in detail, but lacking practical experience did not fare well in this cycle's exam.

There were a substantial number of candidates who obviously lacked any real enforcement experience and failed to make proportional enforcement decisions, despite in some cases prompting by the examiner.

These candidates either failed or just scraped a pass mark.