

The WSET® Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits

The WSET® Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits is intended to provide a thorough knowledge of spirits and liqueurs to underpin job skills and competencies for example in customer service and sales in hospitality, retail, wholesale and spirits industry.

No previous experience in spirits is required and this course is appropriate for students who have a professional interest in spirits, and those who wish to broaden their knowledge of this fascinating subject.

Level 2 Intermediate Professional Certificate in Spirits Course Synopsis	
Entry requirements	None
Subjects studied	Synopsis
Spirits Tasting	Taste and describe spirits like the professionals using the WSET Systematic Approach to Tasting
The Spirits Market	A guide to the key companies and global brands
Spirits Production	Learn how spirits are made and the influence of production methods on the style of spirit produced
Social Responsibility	A guide to sensible drinking
Fruit-based Spirits	Brandies: Cognac, Armagnac and Spanish Brandies Other grape-based spirits: Grappa and Pisco Other fruit-based spirits: Calvados and Eaux-de-Vie
Grain-based Spirits	Whiskies: Scotch, Irish, North American and Japanese Whiskies Vodka: International, Eastern European and flavoured Vodka
Vegetable-based Spirits	Rum and Cachaça Tequila and Mezcal
Flavoured Spirits	Gin and Genever Anise and other flavoured spirits
Liqueurs	Fruit, herb, kernel/seed/nut and cream liqueurs
Number of Spirits Tasted	54 spirits and 6 liqueurs will be tasted as part of the course
Study Materials	Students will receive a Professional Certificate course study pack, consisting of the course book, study guide and tasting card
Duration of course	15 hours, plus 1 hour examination
Recommended Private Study	14 hours additional private study is recommended for this course. It is strongly recommended that the majority of the private study is done in preparation for the course*
Modes of Study	Day Release (one day a week or every other week for three weeks) / Consecutive Day (three consecutive days) / Distance Learning** (provision of study materials and online tutor with attendance required for examination only) **see separate Distance Learning booking form
Examination	50 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 1 hour A mark of 55% required to pass
Certification	All students who pass will be issued with a certificate suitable for framing and a lapel pin

*Students enrolling onto consecutive day courses are advised to book at least 2 weeks ahead of the start date, to allow for materials to be delivered and pre-reading.