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**Diploma in Distilling Module 2  
Examination Report**

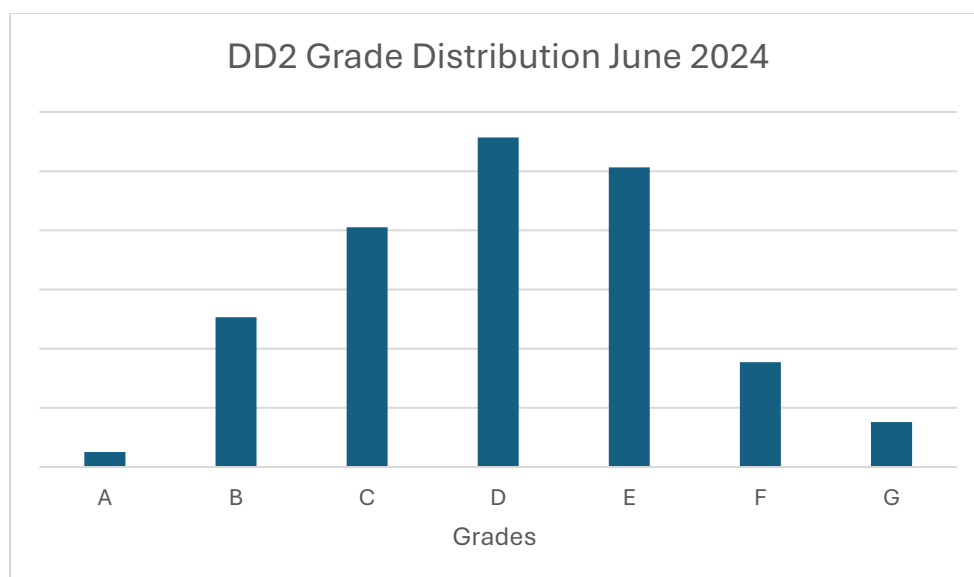
The Diploma level qualification examinations are aimed at testing knowledge across the full breadth of the syllabus, not just specific units or topics. To ensure a positive result when taking the examination candidates must ensure that they have learnt and revised the full breadth of the syllabus.

This knowledge is tested in two ways:

- Section A of the examination which is a series of 'short answer questions' across topics and
- Section B of the examination where candidates have the opportunity to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge through answering their selection of four 'long answer questions' from the six provided.

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- N<sup>o</sup> candidates completed= 79
- Average time candidates spent in exam = 2 hrs 55 mins (the total time available to candidates is 3hrs +15 mins reading time)
- Overall cohort pass rate = 62%
- Cohort performance split by grade boundary:



### **General Commentary:**

- Reading and Understanding
  - Candidates should carefully read instructions that are given, in the lead up to and during the examination, as it is clear that this is not happening in all cases. An example of this would be in the long answer section of the examination where a **significant number** of candidates either answered **fewer** than, or **more** than, the required 4 out of 6 of the long answer questions.
  - Additionally, some candidates would benefit from reading the examination questions carefully to ensure that they are clear on what is being asked.

- In the long answer section of the paper, especially, candidates need to show depth of understanding and this is by fully answering the questions with detail.
- Where a question is divided into sections it is important that the answer is separated into these same sections.
- If whilst taking their examination, candidates wish to pause on a question and move on to the next, they can use the 'flag' function in TestReach to select a question that they wish to come back to and check they have read what the question is asking, or re-check the answer they have chosen. Instructions on how to use this function are provided in the online tutorial that candidates are provided with at time of enrolment into the TR system a number of weeks in advance of their examination.
  
- Time Management
  - Candidates should ensure that they take the time to include detail in LAQ's, for example, figures and compound names.
  
- Application of Knowledge
  - Candidates generally answered very well in technical/practical style questions where they were able to write answers as listed points, but not so well with more open questions, where more detail was required.
  - Candidates had a limited understanding of the subject matter. For example, providing answers for chill haze of whisky instead of focusing during the distillation process.
  - Candidates are expected to have more procedure/practical evaluations instead of what was happening in the production trials and including the communication with other departments (quality and compliance).