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**Diploma in Packaging Module 1  
Examination Report**

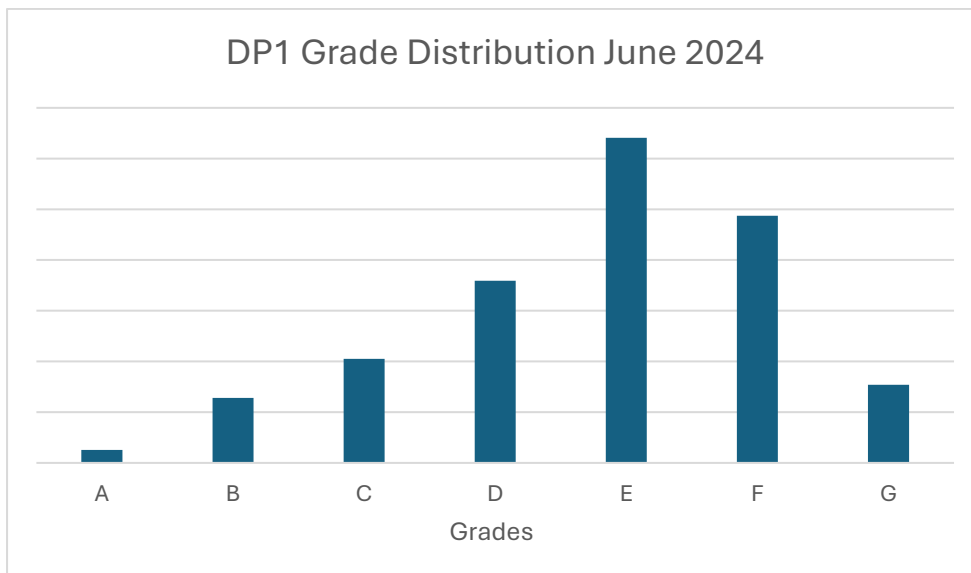
Diploma level qualification examinations test candidate's knowledge across the full breadth of the stated syllabus and not just specific units or topics. To achieve a positive result when taking the examination, candidates must ensure that as part of their learning and revisions they have covered the full breadth and depth of the syllabus.

This knowledge is tested in two ways:

- Section A of the examination which is a series of 'short answer questions' 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° candidates completed= 78
- Average time candidates spent in exam = 3hrs 9 mins (total permitted time = 3 hrs + 15 mins reading time)
- Overall cohort pass rate = 36%
- Cohort performance split by grade boundary:



### **General Commentary from Examiners**

- Reading and Understanding
  - Candidates would benefit from reading the examination questions more carefully and answer how and what is being asked. In this paper, some simple instructions were not followed by candidates i.e. tabulating answers where required.
  - The content written by majority of the candidates in the long answer section of the paper lacked sufficient depth of detail.

- This LAQ section of the paper is testing the candidate's depth of understanding, and the only way candidates can gain good marks for this is by fully answering the questions ***with detail.***
- As a reminder, whilst taking their examination, candidates wishing to pause on a question and move on to the next, 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 several weeks in advance of their examination.
- Time Management
  - Overall, this year for this paper there seemed to be a better spread of results across the short and long answer questions
  - Candidate time management generally appeared better than previous years, with most candidates attempting all four LAQ's.
- Application of Knowledge
  - Some specific areas that we would recommend candidates doing more effective study and preparation for this paper are
    - Beer handling and preparation (Unit 2 Product Preparation), candidates generally did not demonstrate good knowledge of this topic.
    - Ensuring that their study and learning for the examination covers all topics in the syllabus