



Beer Judge Certification Program

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BJCP Entrance Examination

Exam Overview

There are 200 questions on the exam to be answered in 60 minutes. Please allow for a full 60 minute time block to complete the exam, since the clock will continue running even if you are not actively answering questions. The questions are a mixture of True-False (TF), Multiple-Choice (MC), and Multiple-Choice-Multiple-Answer (MCMA) formats. There will always be a "best" answer for the MC questions, and the MCMA have at least one answer that is correct. Full credit for a correct answer to a MCMA question is given only when all of the correct answers choices are selected. There is no partial credit for MCMA questions. The key materials a prospective judge should use to prepare for the Entrance Exam are the BJCP Study Guide and the BJCP Style Guidelines. These and other helpful documents are available at no charge on the BJCP website, www.bjcp.org

During the Exam

The questions are in groups of five on each page, but you may need to scroll down to access the fourth and fifth questions. At any time, you can click on the Summary button to see which questions have not been answered (they will be colored red). If you want to temporarily skip a question, click on the "Mark" box near the question number to help identify where you need to return when you are ready to submit an answer for that question.

After the Exam

Upon submitting your answers (or when the 60 minute time limit has been reached), you will immediately be notified whether you passed or failed the exam. In either case, the Exam Report will identify which topic areas were below the passing standard. You will not receive a numerical score; only the pass/fail status. You will also get an e-mail message summarizing your performance.

Next Steps upon Passing

Congratulations are certainly in order, since this is not an easy exam. You will be emailed a certificate with your name and the date you passed the Entrance Exam. Please retain the e-mail and certificate for your records, as you will need a printed copy of the certificate to take the BJCP Beer Judging Exam. You will have one year in which to take the BJCP Beer Judging Exam, otherwise you will have to retake the Entrance Exam. It is recommended that you pre-register for a Beer Judging Exam in your region before you attempt the Entrance Exam, since seats in those exams are limited. Please be prepared to bring a copy of the passing certificate to the Beer Judging Exam as proof of passing the Entrance Exam.

Next Steps upon Failing

This unfortunately will occur but can be remedied through more study and preparation. You will only be able to take the exam once per User ID, so should you choose to retake the exam, you will have to re-enroll in the Entrance Exam with a different user ID. This is important, since *you will not be allowed to retake the exam with the old user ID*, even if you pay an additional fee.

Registering for the BJCP Entrance Exam

The link to the exam is <http://bjcp.coursewebs.com>. You will need to click the link at the bottom of the page to register/enroll in the exam. This will bring up a screen where the BJCP Entrance Exam can be added to a cart and purchased using a credit card through a secure server. Before checking out, you will be asked to create an account with requested information that includes a User ID, your name, password, and your e-mail address. The User ID can only be used once, regardless whether you pass or fail the exam. After completing the registration, you can proceed to the payment interface. Once that step is completed, you can launch the Entrance Exam. If you have any questions, please contact the exam directors at exam_director@bjcp.org before you launch the exam since the 60 minute clock cannot be restarted. Good luck!