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WSET ramps up digital learning in response to Covid-19

The Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET), the world's largest global provider of wine, spirits and sake qualifications, has announced that it is fast-tracking its investment plans for online delivery of all its qualifications.

WSET currently offers its Levels 1-4 Award in Wines and Levels 1-2 in Spirits as online courses. However, in response to the current situation - which forced the vast majority of its 800+ course providers to suspend delivery of classroom courses - the organisation has offered all course providers enhanced digital delivery options. This will enable as many students as possible to continue their WSET learning journey. Although WSET's Online Classroom currently only supports course delivery in English, WSET is also enabling course providers to deliver courses in local languages through online conferencing platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams. As a result, around 200 of WSET course providers are now able to offer online courses to their students.

WSET's own WSET School London, which was forced to close in mid-March, is now offering a 'blended learning' programme for its students. This will give them the option to continue their studies online through digital classes, webinars and live Q&A sessions.

WSET is also exploring options to fast-track the use of computer-based testing for all its online courses. Trials are currently being run for its Level 1 Award in Sake.

Ian Harris, WSET CEO, said, *"Our Digital Education team has been working around the clock over the past few weeks to progress our digital learning offering at an unprecedented pace. We are determined to give our course providers the best online tools available and to minimise the impact of the current crisis on our students' educational journey with WSET. We already had a strong 'digital first' strategy and investment plan in place, so I am incredibly proud that our dedicated team has been able to roll this out in such a short space of time."*

To learn more about WSET's online courses visit [WSETglobal.com](https://www.wsetglobal.com).

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About the Wine & Spirit Education Trust

- Set up in 1969, WSET is the largest global provider of wine, spirits and sake qualifications.
- WSET offers qualifications across four levels, from one-day beginner courses through to an expert level diploma. Courses are available in more than 15 languages and over 70 countries and are open both to industry professionals and interested enthusiasts.

- WSET is recognised as an awarding organisation by Ofqual, the English regulator of qualifications and examinations. All WSET qualifications have a strong reputation worldwide as the industry standard for knowledge.
- In the last academic year (2018/19) over 100,000 candidates sat for a WSET qualification and, since 1969, WSET has awarded nearly one million individuals a WSET qualification.
- For more information about WSET, please visit www.WSETglobal.com.