



MASTER OF PORT UK

2025/2026 DRAFT PROGRAMME

Aim:

To qualify active sommeliers in the United Kingdom through a competition that rewards the professionals who are best prepared in their knowledge of the Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) Porto.

Organization:

The second edition of the MASTER OF PORT UK competition is organized by the Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e do Porto, IP (IVDP, IP), in partnership with the UK sommelier association.

Format:

- **REGISTRATION:** the registration form is available online, link: <https://www.ivdp.pt/en/master-of-port-form-2025/> Please consult attached regulations.

Deadline: 25 / 09 / 2025

- **ACCESS:** candidates may attend one of the three masterclasses that will be held in London, Edinburgh and Belfast, on the 22, 23 and 24 September 2025. Attendance is not mandatory to be qualifying heat.

- **QUALIFYING HEAT** Online multiple-choice exam via a digital platform for all participants who wish to take part in the competition. The ten best candidates will be selected and proceed to the quarter final stage.

Date: 29/09/2025, from 9h00 to 11h00 (120 minutes)

Announcement of Results: 3/10/2024

- **QUARTER FINAL:** Study trip to Porto, Gaia and the Douro for the 10 candidates selected in the qualifying heat with the aim of choosing 5 semi-finalists. In-person training sessions, practical tests and oral presentation.

Date: 2/11/2025 to 5/11/2025.

Target Audience: Sommeliers, in current employment or linked to the UK sommelier academy.