

National Certificate in Sheep Farming (Sheep Breeding) (Level 3)**Level 3****Credits 48**

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2016.

Transition Arrangements

Version 3 has been reviewed and replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Livestock Husbandry) (Level 3) (Dairy, and Meat and Fibre) [Ref: 2214]. People currently working towards this replaced qualification may either complete the requirements by December 2016 or transfer their results to the replacement qualification.

After 31 December 2015 all new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the replacement qualification.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

| Process | Version | Date | Last Date for Assessment |
|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Registration | 1 | September 2008 | December 2012 |
| Revision | 2 | May 2011 | December 2016 |
| Review | 3 | November 2013 | December 2016 |

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| Level | 3 |
| Credits | 48 |

Purpose

This qualification is for people with some experience in the agriculture industry. On completion of this qualification people will be able to work under little or no supervision.

This qualification recognises the specialised and seasonal nature of modern farming, and will allow people to gain the skills and knowledge to specialise in sheep breeding.

The compulsory section includes the skills related to handling and moving livestock; handling ewes and lambs at lambing, preparing rams and checking and reporting on the mating mob; and monitoring and assisting at lambing. This section also includes knowledge of the features, attributes, identification, and records for sheep; sheep reproduction; lambing; sheep genetics and ram selection; and sheep teeth and ageing.

The elective section recognises the variations amongst sheep farms in the use of agricultural vehicles such as motorcycles, All Terrain Vehicle Utilities (ATVUs), and quad bikes as well as injury factors and how to manage these. It also contains standards related to the presentation of livestock, livestock scanning, and assisting with easy care lambing, or handling ewes and lambs at lambing time. This section allows people to select standards relevant to their own farming situation.

This qualification builds on the knowledge and skills in the National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 2) with strands in Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1434].

This qualification also has a link with the following qualifications as an overall package of seasonal farm skills:

- National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Feeding and Pastures) (Level 3) [Ref: 1435];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Cattle Breeding) (Level 3) with strands in Beef Cattle Farming, and Dairy Cattle Farming [Ref: 1436];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Stockmanship) (Level 3) [Ref: 1437];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) with strands in Cattle Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1438].

These qualifications may be completed concurrently or individually as a large proportion of farms run both cattle and sheep, and each of the qualifications are associated with seasonal activities on the farm.

On completion of this qualification people can progress to one or more of the Level 4 sheep and cattle farming qualifications.

Replacement Information

This qualification, and the following qualifications, replaced the National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3) with strands in Arable Farming, Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0985]:

- National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Feeding and Pastures) (Level 3) [Ref: 1435];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Cattle Breeding) (Level 3) with strands in Beef Cattle Farming, and Dairy Cattle Farming [Ref: 1436];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Stockmanship) (Level 3) [Ref: 1437];
- National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) with strands in Cattle Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1438];
- National Certificate in Arable Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1439];
- National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Milking) (Level 3) [Ref: 1440];
- National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) [Ref: 1441];
- National Certificate in Deer Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1442].

Credit Range

| | Compulsory | Elective |
|---------------------|------------|----------|
| Level 2 credits | 8 | 0-2 |
| Level 3 credits | 37 | 3-8 |
| Minimum totals | 45 | 3 |
| Qualification total | | 48 |

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NZQF National Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- Compulsory standards
- Elective – A minimum of 3 credits as specified

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Farming Skills

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-----|---|-------|--------|
| 582 | Handle livestock when moving and drafting and when livestock are distressed | 3 | 6 |

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Sheep Farming

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|---|-------|--------|
| 10090 | Demonstrate knowledge of rearing lambs and hoggets | 3 | 5 |
| 19148 | Identify and observe lambed and unlambed ewes, and monitor and report on ewes at lambing | 3 | 12 |
| 19149 | Describe lambing, and the procedures for assisting ewes having difficulty lambing | 3 | 4 |
| 19157 | Demonstrate knowledge of sheep genetics, and ram selection | 3 | 5 |
| 24639 | Describe how the wearing of sheep teeth affects productivity, and inspect and age sheep teeth | 2 | 3 |
| 24641 | Demonstrate knowledge of features, attributes, identification, and records for sheep | 2 | 2 |
| 24642 | Describe sheep reproductive organs and cycles, and related management practices | 3 | 5 |
| 24645 | Prepare, handle, and move rams prior to tupping, and check and report on the mating mob | 2 | 3 |

Elective

A minimum of 3 credits at Level 3

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Agricultural Vehicles and Machinery

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 19054 | Ride a motorcycle on undulating terrain | 3 | 4 |
| 19055 | Ride a motorcycle with mounted equipment on flat terrain | 3 | 2 |
| 24558 | Drive an All Terrain Vehicle Utility (ATVU) on undulating terrain | 3 | 5 |
| 24559 | Ride an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) on undulating terrain | 3 | 6 |
| 24560 | Drive an All Terrain Vehicle Utility (ATVU) with trailed equipment | 3 | 3 |
| 24561 | Ride an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) with trailed equipment | 3 | 2 |
| 24562 | Drive an All Terrain Vehicle Utility (ATVU) with mounted equipment or a load | 3 | 3 |

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 24563 | Ride an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) with mounted equipment or a load | 3 | 4 |

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Farming Skills

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|---|-------|--------|
| 19115 | Handle and move livestock | 3 | 6 |
| 24634 | Complete documentation, and present livestock for transport, sale, or slaughter | 3 | 8 |
| 24635 | Demonstrate knowledge of, and assist with, livestock scanning | 2 | 2 |

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > General Agriculture

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 23542 | Identify factors, and describe how to manage factors, that contribute to injury in a rural workplace | 3 | 4 |

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Sheep Farming

| ID | Title | Level | Credit |
|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 571 | Demonstrate knowledge of wool production | 3 | 5 |
| 24643 | Assist with easy care lambing | 2 | 2 |
| 24644 | Handle ewes and lambs at lambing | 3 | 4 |

Transition Arrangements

Version 2

Changes to structure and content

- The overall credit value of the qualification has reduced from 60 credits to 48 credits, however essential skills that the learners obtain remains the same.
- Standards 571, 23542, and 24644 were removed from the compulsory section and included in the elective section to allow for on-farm variances.
- Standard 19115 has been added to the elective section to allow persons to select standards relevant to their on farm situation.
- The elective rule has changed from a minimum of 1 standard to a minimum of 3 credits at level 3.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

| Credit for | Exempt from |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1523 | 24642 |
| 1531 | 24641 |
| 14490, 14491 | 23542 |
| 19058 | 24558, 24559 |
| 19059 | 24560, 24561 |
| 19060 | 24562, 24563 |

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may either complete the requirements of that version or transfer their results to version 2. However, it is recommended that persons transfer their results from version 1 to version 2.

All new learners will be enrolled in programmes or courses leading to the award of version 2.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this revision. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

Previous versions of the qualification

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The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is December 2012.

Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

| DAS Classification | | NZSCED | |
|--------------------|---|--------|---|
| Code | Description | Code | Description |
| 552 | Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Agriculture > Sheep Farming | 050199 | Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies > Agriculture > Agriculture not elsewhere classified |

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Organisation with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Consent to assess requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) for each standard.