

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Revision of *Agriculture, Apiculture, Poultry Husbandry, and Poultry Production* qualifications

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 (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 2) [Ref: 1036]

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1069]

National Certificate in Poultry Husbandry (Level 3) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Rearing [Ref: 1177]

National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Rearing [Ref: 0886]

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has revised the qualifications listed above that were registered in July 2001, December 2002, July 2003, December 2003, and July 2005.

Date new versions published

April 2006

The review of the Agriculture qualifications is planned to take place in 2007

The review of the Apiculture qualifications is planned to take place in 2007

The review of the Poultry Husbandry qualification is planned to take place in 2010

The review of the Poultry Production qualification is planned to take place in 2006

Reason for the revision

The revision of the Agriculture and Apiculture qualifications was carried out to update the qualifications as a result of the review and change of ownership of the Pest Control unit standards.

The revision of the Poultry Husbandry and Poultry Production qualifications was carried out to update the titles of qualifications as a result of a change in industry terminology.

Main changes resulting from the revision

As a result of review, several unit standards in the Pest Control domain were designated expiring and were not replaced. Key industry members were consulted regarding their current and future requirements for handling agrichemicals, and replacement unit standards were selected for the affected qualifications.

The poultry industry requested that a change in strand name be made to reflect changes in industry terminology and to provide a clear indication of for whom the strand was intended. Thus 'poultry rearing' is now 'poultry meat production'.

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3) with strands in Arable Farming, Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0985]

Changes to structure and content

- Standard 6540 in the compulsory section of the Arable Farming strand was replaced by standard 21555.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may either complete the requirements of that version, or transfer their results to version 2. Both versions are recognised by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]

Changes to structure and content

- Standard 6540 in the compulsory section of the Arable Farming strand was replaced by standard 21559.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 may either complete the requirements of that version, or transfer their results to version 2. Both versions are recognised by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 2) [Ref: 1036]

Changes to structure and content

- Standards 5059 and 5060 in the elective section were replaced by standards 21554, 21561, 21562, and 21556 to allow a range of options for candidates to select from, depending on their particular work situation.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 may either complete the requirements of that version, or transfer their results to version 2. Both versions are recognised by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.

The last date to complete the previous version is 31 December 2007.

National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1069]

Changes to structure and content

- Elective 2 was expanded with the addition of the Pest Management subfield and the Pest Control domain to allow candidates to achieve the equivalent of Approved Handler status if they choose.

Transition

There are no transition implications.

National Certificate in Poultry Husbandry (Level 3) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Rearing [Ref: 1177]

National Certificate in Poultry Husbandry (Level 3) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Meat Production [Ref: 1177]

And

National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Rearing [Ref: 0886]

National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery, and Poultry Meat Production [Ref: 0886]

Changes to structure and content

- The strand name Poultry Rearing has been changed to Poultry Meat Production

Transition

There are no transition implications.