

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Review of *Dairy Farming* qualification

National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Artificial Insemination) with strands in Site Technician, and Industry Technician [Ref: 0967]

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new versions published

August 2009

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2014.

Summary of review and consultation process

The above qualification required updating to meet current industry requirements.

Industry experts who represented artificial insemination technician employers, workplace assessors and the artificial insemination sector met in December 2008 to suggest changes to the current qualification. Changes were suggested to focus on the knowledge and skills required by technicians, and to remove those standards no longer considered necessary to the roles.

From August 2008 to May 2009, consultation was held with key representatives including industry experts, training employers, training providers and the herd testing industry, and further changes were made based on feedback received.

The final versions were endorsed by the industry expert panel members and the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation Board.

Main changes resulting from the review

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- level of the Site Technician strand was reduced from 4 to 2
- details of standards were updated to reflect changes made at review
- standards 25714 and 23541 were added to the compulsory section
- standards 19082, 19086, and 19116, and the Core Elective List were removed from the qualification, as they are no longer required by industry
- exemptions for standard 21757 were removed as the skills between the standards are no longer considered transferrable in this context
- total credits decreased from 56 or 64 to 43 or 53.

Transition

Training programmes or courses for version 5 of the qualification may start as soon as the qualification is registered.

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to award of version 4 of this qualification may either complete that version by 31 December 2012 or transfer to version 5. It is strongly recommended that people transfer to the new version of the qualification as soon as possible. The last date for entry to training programmes or courses for version 4 is 31 December 2009.

All versions of this qualification are recognised by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.

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

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
	No transition arrangements are required
Category B The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to title, rules or components
	The new version of the qualification recognises a similar skill set to that recognised by the previous version
	The SSB is confident that people awarded the new or previous version are comparable in terms of competence
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
	The SSB views people with the replacement qualification as being significantly different in terms of competence from those with the replaced qualification
	Transition arrangements are required
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set