

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Dairy Farming* qualification****National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Herd Testing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1214]**

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

Date new version published**May 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. Version 3 was developed following a concurrent standard and qualification review in order to update the standards and make changes to the content of the qualification to better align it with role requirements.

Industry experts who represented herd testing employers, workplace assessors and the herd testing sector met in December 2008 to suggest changes to the current qualification.

Following a period of consultation with key representatives including industry experts, training employers, training providers and the herd testing industry further changes were made based on feedback received.

The final version was endorsed by the industry expert panel members and the Board of the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation.

Main changes resulting from the review**National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Herd Testing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1214]**

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Changes to structure and content

- credits for standards 22017, 22018, 22020, and 22022 have been updated to reflect changes made at review
- standards 497, 18193, and 24550 have been removed from the compulsory section
- standard 22019 has been replaced by standards 25696 (in the elective section) and 25697 (in the compulsory section)
- standard 23541 has been added to the compulsory section
- standards 1299, 1312, 3501, 6400, 6401, 6402, 9679, 9696, 9704, 9705, 11097, 12349, 18192, 18197, 19103, 23541, and 23542 have been removed from the elective section
- the total number of elective credits required has decreased from 17 to 2
- total credits have decreased from 62 to 51.

Transition

Training programmes or courses leading to version 3 of the qualification may start as soon as it is registered.

Candidates enrolled in training programmes or courses leading to version 2 of the qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 3.

The last date for assessments to take place for versions 1 and 2 of the qualification is December 2011.

This qualification contains standards that replace an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the expiring standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
22019	25696, 25697

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
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	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
	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set