

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Republication of *Agriculture* qualification****National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]**

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has republished the qualification listed above to update the transition arrangements in the version published in April 2006.

Date new versions published**November 2009**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2011.

Reason for the republication

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation had intended to complete the review of all standards and qualifications in the Agriculture subfield over 2007 and 2008. However, this process has taken longer than anticipated and the review of the Level 4 and 5 unit standards was not completed until August this year. The review of this qualification is still underway and further consultation is still required. As the qualification contains a number of standards that have been replaced during the review process, the ITO decided to republish it with reverse transition. This will allow candidates with credits for replacement standards to use them to meet the requirements of the qualification.

This is an interim measure to increase the achievability of the qualification until it is reviewed, and ensure providers and candidates have access to the most up to date knowledge and skills required by the agriculture industry.

Main changes resulting from the republication

This qualification has been republished to provide exemptions for expiring standards (reverse transition).

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- Reverse transition arrangements were included for this qualification
- There are no changes to structure and content
- The version number of the qualification remains the same.

Transition

People currently working towards the previous version of this qualification may either complete the requirements of that version or transfer their results to the current version of the qualification. This qualification contains standards that have been replaced by later standards. Reverse transition has been included in this qualification, and people can complete the qualification using either expiring standards or replacement standards.

The last date for assessments to take place for expiring standards is December 2011. For the purpose of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
24543	19144
24619	19113
24627	19080, 19154
24628	19102
25378, 25379	19169
25382, 25383, 25384, 25385	19160
25829	19158
25922	19077
25923	19156

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.

Credit for	Exempt from
45	19101
51	19140, 19141
566	19073
568	19102
569	19103
579	19090
583	19076, 19077
589	19153, 19154
590	19155, 19156
592	19169
593	19191
596	19079, 19080
870	19071

Credit for	Exempt from
1513	19071
1514	19071
874	19085
1519	19158
3150	19035
6540	21559
6536	19160
6537	19068
6538	19161
6539	19070
8629	19094, 19095
10085	19113

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this republication. The above arrangements have been designed to ensure that trainees currently enrolled in this qualification may continue in their existing programme of learning. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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