

FSA Approval of L6 assessment equivalency

The following statement has been released from the FSA, outlining the assessment equivalency and requirements as part of the CSA L6 Trading standards practitioner apprenticeship, to transition into the CTSI Qualification Framework.

Assessment of equivalency

The following assessments of equivalency have been made and attain the equivalent level of knowledge and skills as the CTSI Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate with the Food Standards or Feed unit from the Trading Standards Practitioner Diploma

Food Standards

We have considered when students on the Level 6 Trading Standards Professional (L6 TSP) apprenticeship will have the knowledge and skills equivalent to the 'suitable qualification' requirements for food standards enforcement (Chapter 3.4.2 of the Food Law Code of Practice (England), June 2023).

Our assessment has determined that the following elements of the L6 TSP are equivalent to the CTSI Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate with the Food Standards unit from the Trading Standards Practitioner Diploma qualification:

1. Level 6 Trading Standards Professional apprenticeship - 24-month course^[1] provided by Credit Services Association (CSA):
 - Completed the specialist Food module and have their course work audited and approved by CTSI.
 - Passed the CTSI Qualification Framework Food oral assessment.

^[1] This course is aimed at people who have completed the Level 4 Regulatory Compliance Officer apprenticeship or hold the Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate (TSPC).

2. Level 6 Trading Standards Professional apprenticeship - 36-month course provided by CSA:

- Completed the following modules of the apprenticeship (equivalent to the RCO Level 4 apprenticeship/Stage 1 CTSI Qualifications Framework):
 - Module 1: Business and strategy
 - Module 2: Communication and decision making
 - Module 4: Regulation and legislation
 - Module 5: Consumer protection
 - Module 6: Data analysis, intelligence, and risk management
 - Module 7: Investigation and evidence gathering
- Complete the specialist Food module and have their course work audited and approved by CTSI.
- Passed the CTSI Qualification Framework Food oral assessment.

This is to ensure sufficient general learning within the apprenticeship is achieved, together with the appropriate assessment in the food technical areas.

¹ This course is aimed at people who have completed the Level 4 Regulatory

Compliance Officer apprenticeship or hold the Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate (TSPC).

Animal Feed

We have considered when students on the Level 6 Trading Standards Professional (L6 TSP) apprenticeship will have the knowledge and skills equivalent to the:

- ‘Suitable qualification’ requirements for Primary production enforcement (Chapter 3.4.3 of the Food Law Code of Practice (England), June 2023).
- ‘Appropriate qualification’ requirements for Feed enforcement (Chapter 4.3 of the Feed Law Code of Practice (England), April 2018)

Our assessment has determined that the following elements of the L6 TSP are equivalent to the CTSI Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate with the Feed unit from the Trading Standards Practitioner Diploma qualification:

1. Level 6 Trading Standards Professional apprenticeship - 24-month course^[2] provided by CSA:
 - Completed the specialist Feed module and have their course work audited and approved by CTSI.
 - Passed the CTSI Qualification Framework Feed oral assessment.
2. Level 6 Trading Standards Professional apprenticeship - 36-month course provided by CSA:
 - Completed the following modules of the apprenticeship (equivalent to the RCO Level 4 apprenticeship/Stage 1 CTSI Qualifications Framework):
 - Module 1: Business and strategy
 - Module 2: Communication and decision making
 - Module 4: Regulation and legislation
 - Module 5: Consumer protection
 - Module 6: Data analysis, intelligence, and risk management
 - Module 7: Investigation and evidence gathering
 - Completed the specialist Feed module and have their course work audited and approved by CTSI.
 - Pass the CTSI Qualification Framework Feed oral assessment.

^[2] This course is aimed at people who have completed the Level 4 Regulatory Compliance Officer apprenticeship or hold the Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate (TSPC).

This is to ensure sufficient general learning within the apprenticeship is achieved, together with the appropriate assessment in the feed technical areas.

² This course is aimed at people who have completed the Level 4 Regulatory Compliance Officer apprenticeship or hold the Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate (TSPC).

CTSI will collaborate with the CSA to receive confirmation of the apprentice's completed Core and Food or Feed modules and to obtain the relevant coursework.