

Dear Student,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the qualification framework and to introduce the team:

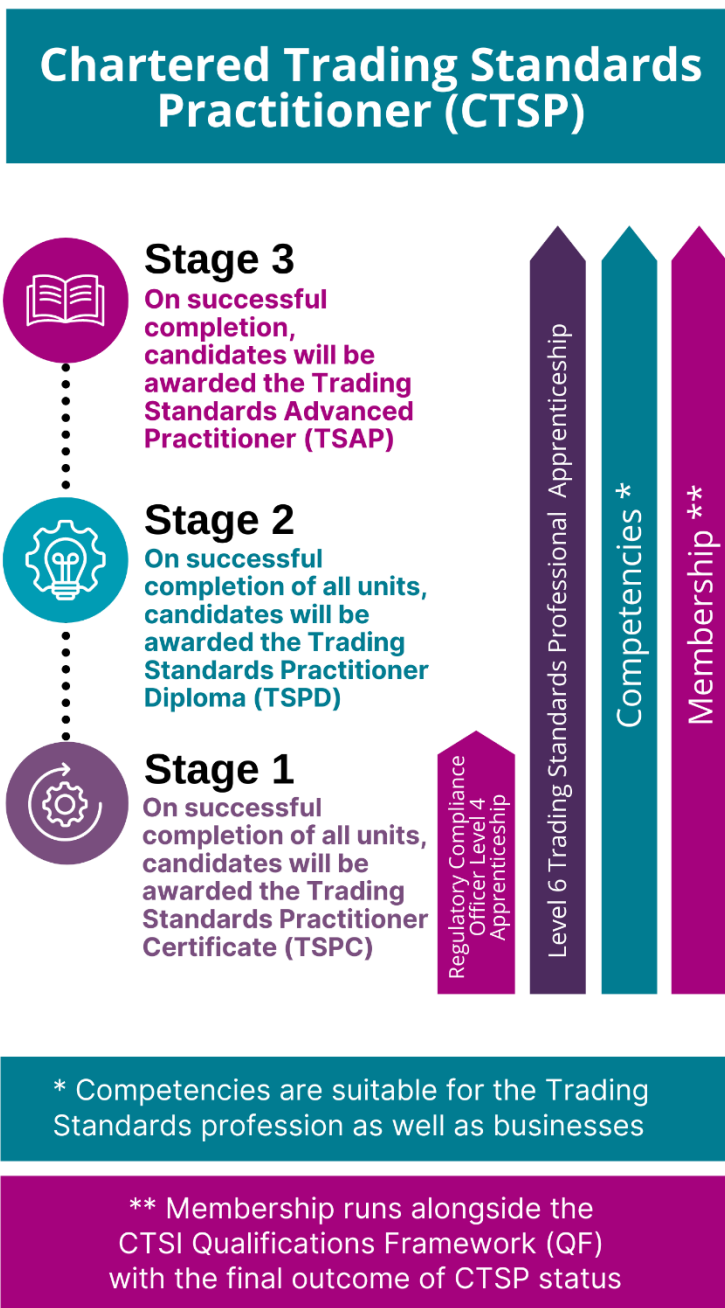
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We are delighted to confirm that CTSI Council has recently made some positive decisions to provide greater flexibility to the CTSI qualification framework alongside the decisions to improve and strengthen the governance structure made earlier in the year. The following positive decisions have been confirmed by CTSI Council:

- Simplifying terminology:
 - a) The CTSI Professional Competency Framework (CPCF) will be altered to the Qualification Framework (QF)
 - b) Qualifications Awards Board (QAB) will be altered to Qualifications Panel (QP)
 - c) Examinations Assessment Board (EAB) – change to Examinations Panel (EP)
- Qualification framework timelines:
 - a) Timelines to complete the QF have increased from 3 years to 4 years in total.
- We very pleased to announce the launch of the new Learning Management System (LMS) in September. All students registered for training will receive a dedicated email with their personal log in details.

- Clarity of the qualification pathways as highlighted in the following infographic:

Qualifications pathway



- Alignment of the Level 6 Trading Standards Professional Apprenticeship to the Qualification framework, will provide exemption of the following units:
 - a) Unit 1 Regulatory Environment and enforcement
 - b) Unit 2 Business and Consumer legal frameworks
 - c) Unit 3 Trading Standards Law part 1
 - d) Unit 5 Investigations
 - e) Unit 6 Regulating Markets

In collaboration with the FSA and OPSS, it has been confirmed that assessments would be required for the technical elements in:

- f) Weights & measures
- g) Food
- h) Feed

The Animal Health competency continues to be a standalone competency and is not incorporated into the QF or mapped to the L6 TSP apprenticeship.

Students currently undertaking the Level 4 Regulatory Compliance Officer (RCO) apprenticeship will also be able to map into the first year of the L6 TSP apprenticeship.

Students who demonstrate their successful completion of the L6 TSP apprenticeship will also be offered the opportunity to apply for Chartered Trading Standards Practitioner (CTSP) membership.

- CTSI will continue to increase the volume of CPPD offerings, collaborating with Branches and Regions across the UK.

- Currently CTSI provided 2 competencies:
 - a) Animal Health & Welfare
 - b) Intellectual Property

- We will be introducing further competencies in the first quarter of 2024:
 - a) Food
 - b) Feed

- Further support and information for students and employers/local authorities can be found here:
 - [Qualifications resources](#)
 - [FAQs](#)

Please feel free to contact the team should you require any further assistance or support:

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