

Qualification Framework Update

Level 6 Trading Standards Practitioner (L6 TSP)

We're very pleased to announce that CTSI's Council have now agreed that elements of the Level 6 Trading Standards Practitioner (L6 TSP) apprenticeship will, henceforth, align with all of Stage 1, plus Units 5 and 6 of Stage 2 of CTSI's Qualifications Framework (QF).

The L6 Trailblazer Group has continued its sterling work with both the Lead Officers, and a range of Feed/Food specialists. And, as a direct result, further Food/Feed legislation has been added to the L6 TSP apprenticeship (all aligned to the Food Standards Authority's requirements). We hope you'll agree that this adds significant strength to an already robust qualification.

Furthermore - having carefully considered the FSA's requirements, alignment with CTSI's syllabus, and our assessments - the Qualifications Panel (QP) have now reviewed the additional Food/Feed training (and mapping) of the L6 TSP and made two key recommendations. Firstly, whenever an L6 TSP apprentice undertakes a Level 4 element with the Food/Feed coursework, CTSI will then audit the Level 5 Food/Feed coursework. And, secondly, all L6 TSP apprentices must undertake the CTSI oral assessment for Food/Feed.

In summary, L6 TSP apprentices will:

1. Complete Level 4 (equivalent to Stage 1)
2. Complete training and coursework for Food/Feed
3. Undertake CTSI's Qualifications Framework Food/Feed oral assessment (see note below).

Additionally, the Food/Feed coursework will be audited by CTSI's Education & Training team.

(PLEASE NOTE: A package fee, including both the oral assessment and the audit, will be confirmed).

Once all these requirements (outlined above) have been met in full, the Qualifications Panel will consider the L6 TSP apprentices to have attained exactly the same standard of skills and knowledge as the Qualifications Framework students. As an aside, although the Weights and Measures element of the L6 TSP is NOT currently aligned to the Qualification Framework, CTSI continues to work with the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) and the L6 Trailblazer Group on its potential future incorporation.

We are very happy to report that CTSI has forged a positive working relationship with the Credit Services Association (the L6 TSP training provider) - and we are fully committed to supporting them and the L6 TSP apprenticeships over the coming years. We recognise the immense benefits of professional apprenticeships and wholeheartedly support the Trailblazers across the UK. And we will continue to support the development of further dedicated apprenticeships in both Wales and Scotland.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Qualifications Panel for sharing their extensive knowledge and skills throughout the review of the L6 TSP apprenticeship. Your continued support and assistance to CTSI – and across the wider profession – is inestimable and very much appreciated.

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