

Examiner's Report

Qualifications Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Feed Oral Examiner Report November 2025

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Three candidates sat the exam and marks ranged from 32 to 58% with an average of 46%.

The now established format of PowerPoint was used to present images to the candidates supported with verbal descriptions of scenarios. From this the questions are posed by the examiner.

The slides in this November exam included a compound feed label, a rodent bait box, a game feeder and a list of undesirable substances.

The exam proceeded to assess knowledge relevant to the images including feed labelling, additives, safety, registration, hygiene, officer powers and sampling. These are typical of the areas examined but each exam uses different scenarios to explore whether the candidates can apply their knowledge to the circumstances given.

The exam is assessing whether candidates can take the information given to discuss legal compliance and risks and then explain potential action. It is therefore important that answers are framed in the context of the scenario given rather than giving blanket descriptions of legal requirements. Imagine discussing compliance with a business. An officer would explain their findings referring to the legislation and importantly, how this applies to the individual business operations, including a conclusion on compliance, or non-compliance.

It was apparent that the candidates were less familiar with the subject of one scenario i.e. a game feeder in a field. It is understood that candidates will have had different experiences but with sufficient knowledge of feed law it is possible to apply key principles and requirements to formulate an answer to an unfamiliar situation.

Candidates who did not perform so well generally required prompting and did not provide clear answers. This included omitting key requirements, for example in relation to feed claims and confusing concepts e.g. the difference between feed materials and feed additives.