

Qualifications Newsletter January 2026

November 2025 Examination Cycle

Award Confirmation letters from the November 2025 examinations will be released by email only by 2pm on 2 February 2026.

May 2026 Examination Cycle

The May 2026 exam timetable dates are published on the website:

- [Exam Cycle Information](#)

Training Courses

Training courses in preparation for the 2027 examinations cycles will be available for booking from February 2026 and will commence September 2026.

- [Qualification Framework \(QF\) Training](#)

Training courses in preparation for the 2026 examinations cycles commenced September 2025.

Limited spaces are still available on the current training cycle for some courses.

Enhance your knowledge and skills with the following courses from the Qualification Framework.

- [Stage 1 Training](#)
- [Stage 2 Training](#)
- [New & Upskilling Assessors Training Course](#)
- [Portfolio Building Day](#)
- [Free UK Weighing Federation Training: Theory and Practical Training in Weights and Measures Inspection](#)

[Find more on the qualifications webpage](#)

Registration for the 2026 examination cycles is open!

November examination cycle update:

Please register into the first cycle you intend to sit assessments in and use the adjustments to exam cycle application form provided in your registration confirmation letter, for units sat outside of this cycle.

- [Stage 1 Registration](#)
- [Stage 2 Registration](#)
- [Qualified officers additional unit registration](#)

The following Exam Cycle Information can be found [here](#):

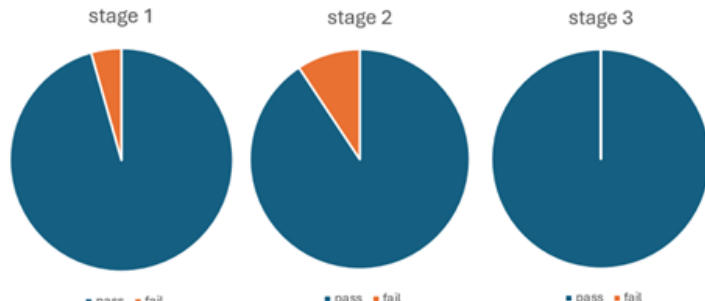
- Registration links
- Nominated persons information
- Exam timetables
- Venue choice
- Venue locations
- Reasonable Adjustments application form

Regular updates are made to the [qualification resource](#) area. This holds all the paperwork you may need for the QF along with news and announcements.

If you are having any issues or concerns that might impact on your examinations, please contact a member of the [Qualifications team](#) to discuss your options.

2025 PASS RATES

The following information is based on the 593 assessments that took place in 2025. 94% of Stage 1, 90% of Stage 2, 100% of Stage 3 passed.



Dates for your diary

Assessment Cycle May 2026

Weeks commencing:

- Coursework/L6 - 1 March 2026
- Portfolios - 1 April 2026
- Written Exams - 4 May 2026
- Professional interview and orals - 11 May 2026
- Weights and Measures practical and orals - 18 May 2026
- Results released via email only: July 2026

Assessment Cycle Nov 2026

Weeks commencing:

- Coursework/L6 - 1 September 2026
- Portfolios - 1 October 2026
- Written Exams - 2 November 2026
- Professional interview and orals - 9 November 2026
- Weights and Measures practical and orals - 16 November 2026
- Results released via email only: January 2027

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CTSI Update on Weights and Measures Recommendations – Decisions from CTSI's Council

An important update has been sent to all members and students regarding the Extraordinary Council Meeting (ECM), where CTSI's Council considered the recommendations submitted by the Weights and Measures (W&M) Working Group. This message provides an overview of the decisions confirmed by Council.

A copy of this can be found in the [qualifications announcements and updates area](#).

Weights and Measures Bridging Qualification:

CTSI published an announcement on 20 January regarding the L6 Weights and Measures Transition, to view the announcement please click [here](#)

FSA endorsed recognition of Food/Feed unit.

Apprentices who wish to finalise their food/feed unit status, will be required to submit their Food/Feed coursework and undertake a CTSI oral assessment.

More information can be found on the website:

- [Apprenticeship Information](#)

Training and qualifications



CTSI will be offering the following bitesize training courses:

- The Welfare of Animals During Transport (including Poultry)
- Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022 – Strategies for Enforcement and Compliance
- Animal Nutrition and the Feeding of Livestock
- Feed Hygiene – Bitesize Primary Animal By Products and Former Food Stuffs in Feed
- Fraudulent trading in Animal Health – how to spot the signs

[Learn more](#)



Investigation Training

Conducting an investigation is a serious and complex process that can have significant repercussions for all parties if not done properly. This training looks at the investigative process and understanding the value of intelligence.

[Learn more](#)



Theory and Practical Training in Weights and Measures Inspection

This FREE UK Weighing Federation-led training day will take place at the weighing manufacturers' premises. Training will be delivered by UKWF Technical Officer and legal metrology regulatory expert, Ian Turner. Priority for booking will be given to QF students.

[Learn more](#)



CTSI Professional Competency in Food

This competency is designed as a stand-alone qualification, providing all the necessary knowledge and skills needed, to carry out Food duties. It is suitable for candidates new to this subject area, although it is recommended that a person will have some prior experience within Trading Standards.

[Learn more](#)



CTSI Professional Competency in IP

Counterfeiting and piracy issues provide a regular challenge to Trading Standards professionals and rights owners alike. This professional competency has been developed by CTSI in conjunction with the Intellectual Property Office to equip professionals working in the field of Intellectual Property.

[Learn more](#)



CTSI Professional Competency in Tobacco, Nicotine and Vaping Regulations

This professional competency qualification has been developed to equip Trading Standards and other Regulatory Compliance professionals responsible for enforcing the **Tobacco, Nicotine and Vaping Regulations**, with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully undertake this role.

[Learn more](#)



CTSI Professional Competency in Product Safety

This professional qualification has been developed by CTSI's product safety experts to equip professionals working within product safety with the necessary knowledge and skills to undertake this role. It is suitable for all working in local authority market surveillance for products and will provide a basic competency which can be built on through experience and practice.

[Learn more](#)



CTSI Professional Competency in Feed

This CTSI Feed competency will provide you with the knowledge and key understanding of the application of feed law, enforced by regulatory bodies across the UK. You will learn about the legal requirements in relation to feed at all stages, including primary production, manufacture and distribution alongside the framework for the official control regulations governing animal health & public health.

[Learn more](#)



Animal Health and Welfare Professional Qualification

This professional qualification has been developed by CTSI's experts to equip professionals working in animal health and welfare. It is accepted under the new government legislation and suitable for those working in local authority and government departments, as well as organisations in the third and private sectors.

[Learn more](#)

TOTUM Membership

Anyone who is a member or student of CTSI can apply for a TOTUM discount membership card, giving you access to hundreds of discounts.

If you wish to obtain a card, please email qualifications@tsi.org.uk



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