

Qualifications Framework written examination

Unit 4: Feed

May 2026

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate clearly at the top of the answer booklet, the law viewpoint from which you will be answering: English, Scottish or Welsh.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not in force (i.e. has been enacted) and regulations which have been made but are not yet in force, if they are directly relevant to the subject-matter of the examination.

Examination structure

There are two sections to the examination paper:

Section A Consists of six questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.
Total allocation of marks is 40 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 30 minutes.

Section B Consists of four questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 60 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 60 minutes.

Total time allowed – 1 hour 30 minutes (plus 10 minutes' reading time).

Note:

The Feed paper is a **closed book**; no materials are permitted to be taken into the examination room.

*The examination paper has **three** pages, including this front sheet.*

Exam: Unit 4: Feed

Exam cycle: May 2026

Date: 07 May 2026

Reading time: 10 minutes

Time: 10:00 – 11:40

Max: 100 marks

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

Total: 40 marks.

1. Explain the terms 'feed material' and 'additive'.
(10 marks)
2. Explain the seven principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points.
(10 marks)
3. Explain the terms 'hazard' and 'risk' giving an example of each of the three categories of feed hazard.
(10 marks)
4. Explain the roles of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) in relation to animal feed.
(10 marks)
5. Explain the difference between incremental samples, aggregate samples and reduced samples.
(10 marks)
6. Using examples, explain the term 'primary production of feed' and explain the circumstances it can be exempt from the scope of feed hygiene requirements?
(10 marks)

Section A total of 40 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Each question carries 30 marks.
Total: 60 marks.

7. A local bakery has contacted your service as they are considering supplying their unsold bakery foods to a local pig farmer who will collect it on a weekly basis. Draft an email advising the bakery of the requirements relevant to this type of business including any good practices to meet these requirements.

Details of the mandatory labelling requirements are not required.

(30 marks)

8. **Answer both parts of the Question.**

- (a) Compare and contrast the provisions for the registration and approval of feed business operators under the feed hygiene regulations.

(26 marks)

- (b) Describe two activities requiring approval and two activities requiring registration, with their respective codes.

(4 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

9. Discuss the effectiveness of specified feed law to control the presentation of feed and the use of claims.

(30 marks)

10. You receive a complaint from a farmer in your local authority area that a feed from a mill, also in your local authority area, has caused the death of a number of sheep. The farmer suspects copper poisoning.

Explain what action you would take and the powers you have as a feed officer to assist with your actions. Details of the sampling method are not required.

(30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.