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Stage 2: Level 6 Feed Examiner's Report May 2026

General

In this round we had seven Level 6 candidates submit coursework. This report will try to highlight the main issues candidates experienced and give guidance for future cohorts. Of these candidates 3 failed initial assessments the other 4 passing without amendments.

Task D1 Requires a report into the various pieces of feed legislation, its scope and purpose. Scores varied between 45 and 85 for this task. Higher scoring reports covered the breadth of legislation with enough detail to provide an overview of each piece of feed law. Lower scoring scripts either focused on a limited variety of feed law or were limited to brief summaries of the full range of feed law often missing key points of the legislation.

Task D2 Is looking for a detailed report in to a piece of feed law. This was generally completed to a high standard across the board. Marks varied from 72 to 92. The higher scoring reports were clear, concise and detailed.

Task D3 is a report detailing a visit to a feed business with a qualified colleague. Marks for this task varied between 62 and 88. Again the higher scoring reports were clear, concise and detailed. That was aided by their choice of visit to write up. More complex visits make it much easier to observe compliance and give more opportunities for discussion.

Task D4 is a good learning opportunity looking at the different types of feed businesses and historic feed incidents. There was a wide gap in the marks for this task, 50 being the lowest and 90 being the highest. High scoring reports had detailed information regarding the feed businesses and had well prepared information about the different types of feed incidents that have been well reported over the last few decades.

Task D5 requires a detailed report in to the contents of Annex I, II and III of Assimilated Regulation 183/2005. Marks again varied between 41 and 88 in this task. A few candidates also failed to submit this task initially. It is important to check that any dispensations given by Level 6 assessors allow candidates to meet the requirements of this qualification. This best scoring reports for this task gave in-depth information about the requirements of each annex. A summary of each is not enough to pass this task. Examples of the different registration codes for farms is important too. Being able to distinguish which requirements are relevant for each farm type is vital.

Task D7 is another task with a wide range in the marks awarded. With marks given between 40 and 92. Low scores missed the main scope of this task. Candidates completing this task need to clearly define the enforcement powers available to them along with the enforcement notices for non-compliance. To hit good marks candidates, need to provide comprehensive details across feed law. They should also make reference to thresholds for action using the Feed Law Code of Practice as their main guide.

Task D8 requires feed labelling analysis; 3 labels should be examined for compliance with feed law. This task scored well across the board. Marks ranged from 85 to 95.

Task D10 was another generally high scoring task. Candidates are asked to put together a report on visits to a feed manufacturer and talk through the sampling process. Marks in this task ranged from 75 to 95.

Task D11 was a task that a few struggled with. Marks ranged from 50 to 88. However, some submissions were returned for extra work initially. The task requires candidates to report on raw petfood manufacturers and the key elements they must comply with. This proved to be the key part missing in the lower scoring reports. Candidates must detail what the relevant legislation is. They should also include details of potential issues and the requirement for APHA approval.

Task D12 is the final task in this feed qualification. Across the board this task scored highly, one candidate hit 45 marks, but the rest varied between 65 and 90. This task is a report on an inspection carried out by the candidate. Highly scored reports, detailed the full range of their inspection, including preparation and follow up actions. A sanitised copy of visit documentation should be included in the report, either as part of the report or as appendices. Overall candidates need to be clear, concise in reports, detailing all the legislation applicable to the areas they are reporting on. Candidates should be careful to consider the requirements of the CTSI qualification alongside the completion of the Level 6 coursework.