

## FSA endorses Professional Competency in Feed qualification

The FSA has partnered with the [Chartered Trading Standards Institute](#) (CTSI) to endorse their [Professional Competency in Feed qualification](#) which covers 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 and public health.

The course lasts six months and includes a mix of online teaching, training days and assessment days. The qualification is suitable for candidates across England, Scotland and Wales.

**Karen McCloskey, Head of Delivery Standards at the Food Standards Agency, said:**

‘This new vocational qualification will help to boost the numbers of trained officers available to carry out official feed controls.

‘We’re continuously looking for opportunities to support new ways into food and feed regulation that are flexible and inclusive, and will help maintain a pipeline of officers to keep food and feed safe and make sure food is what it says it is.

‘Thanks to the CTSI, their local authority partners and all those who have contributed to the development of this qualification, and for their dedication in maintaining high professional standards within the sector.’

**John Herriman, Chief Executive, the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI), said:**

‘CTSI is pleased that we have been able to work with the FSA to introduce some flexibility that will allow people to achieve Feed competency in a standalone qualification, and that we have been able to add this new element of flexibility to bring more people into this important regulatory function. We are thrilled that this has gone ahead and look forward to welcoming in new students to the Feed competency. We look forward to working with the FSA on an equivalent qualification in food competency over the next year.’