## **Animal Feed – Qualification Equivalence Criteria**

Qualification requirements for a feed officer are provided in Chapter 1.2 of the Feed Law Code of Practice. The Code has previously recognised that existing or prospective officers may have a range of qualifications, additional training and experience that together indicate their competence to undertake specific enforcement activities but who do not hold qualification listed within the Code. The Local Authority should therefore consider equivalent qualifications. FSS has, in consultation with Food Standards Agency, developed qualification equivalence criteria. As described in the Code, Officers shall be authorised in accordance with their intended duties provided they are suitably competent, experienced and qualified. Qualifications alone are not sufficient to enable authorisation.

The candidate must have:

1. Minimum of level 8 (Scotland) or Level 5 (England, Wales, Northern Ireland) qualification in feed, food or agriculture.

The level 8 (Scotland) /Level 5 (England, Wales, Northern Ireland) qualification[[1]](#footnote-1) includes a diploma of higher education (DipHE) and higher national diploma (HND)

**AND**

2. Minimum of 5 years’ experience in one, or a combination of one or more, of the feed, food or agriculture sectors

**AND**

3. Auditing training and a minimum of 2 years auditing experience

1. Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework: <https://scqf.org.uk/interactive-framework/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)