

Eligible qualifications

The list below covers the main qualifications that have been delivered since 1990.

Section 1. Approved Qualifications

Level	Qualification	Dates Awarded	Awarding Organisation
2	Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture	2018 to present	City and Guilds
2	Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture	2013 to present	Pearson/BTEC
2	Certificate in Agricultural Business Operations	2015 onwards	Open College Network NI (OCN NI)
2	Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture (DA)	2012 to 2017	City & Guilds
2	National Certificate in Agriculture (NCA)	1990 – 2011	City & Guilds
2	Level 2 National Vocational Qualification in Agriculture (NVQ)	1990 – 2011	City & Guilds
2	Level 2 Work-based Diploma in Agriculture or Livestock	2012 to Present	City & Guilds
3	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture	2013 to present	Pearson/BTEC
3	National Diploma in Agriculture (ND)	1990 – 2013	Edexcel/BTEC

3	Level 3 National Vocational Qualification in poultry (NVQ)	1990 – 2011	City & Guilds
3	Level 3 National Vocational Qualification in Agriculture (NVQ)	1990 – 2011	City & Guilds
3	National Certificate in Farm Mechanisation	1990 – 2012	Edexcel/BTEC
3	National Diploma in Farm Mechanisation	1990 – 2013	Edexcel/BTEC
3	Edexcel National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3)	1990 – 2013	Edexcel/BTEC
3	Level 3 Work-based Diploma in Agriculture, Livestock or Poultry	2012 to Present	City & Guilds
4	Certificate in Higher Education in Agriculture	2005 to Present	University or College
4	Teagasc Level 6 Certificate in Farm Administration	Ongoing	FETAC
4/5	Higher National Diploma in Agriculture (HND)	1990 – present	Edexcel/BTEC
4/5	Higher National Certificate in Agriculture (HNC)	1990 – present	Edexcel/BTEC
5	Foundation Degree in Agriculture	2005 to present	University or College

6	BSc (hons) Agricultural Technology	2008 - present	Queen's University Belfast
6	Degree in Agriculture	1990 – present	University or University College
6	Degree in Agricultural Economics and Management	Pre 1990's – early 2000's	Queens University Belfast

Section 2 Equivalent Qualifications

Two College Diploma Units where one is in Business Management and the other is in an enterprise	1990-1994	DARD
Business Challenge taken in conjunction with an Enterprise Challenge*	1995 to Present	Edexcel

* NB - To be eligible, Challenges must have been certificated

If you currently hold a qualification which is not contained in the above list and wish to check if it will meet the eligibility criteria for the Young Farmers' Payment /Regional Reserve, you can do so by submitting details on the qualification via email to industry.trainingadmin@daera-ni.gov.uk or by calling 028 94426880.