

Farm Business Improvement Scheme (FBIS) – Capital Tier 1, Tranche 3

The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) has compiled a list of eligible **Agriculture** and **Horticulture** qualifications under the Educational Attainment Selection Criterion for the Farm Business Improvement Scheme (FBIS) – Capital Scheme. Applicants can check this list to verify if qualifications they hold will be accepted by DAERA for the purposes of their application.

Section 1 - Approved Qualifications

Agriculture

The following qualifications in agriculture will be considered as an appropriate qualification under the Educational Attainment Selection Criterion:

- College Certificate in Agriculture (CCA)
- National Certificate in Agriculture (NCA)
- Ordinary National Diploma in Agriculture (OND)
- Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture
- OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Agricultural Business Operations
- NVQ Level 2 qualification in Agriculture (Livestock Production)
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Agriculture
- Level 2 Multiskilling
- Level 2 Work based Diploma in Agriculture
- Advanced National Certificate in Agriculture (ANCA)
- National Diploma in Agriculture (ND)
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture
- NVQ Level 3 qualification in Agriculture (awarded in Dairying, Beef/Sheep or Poultry)
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Agriculture;
- Level 3 Multiskilling

- Level 3 Work based Diploma in Agriculture (awarded in Dairying, Beef/Sheep or Poultry)
- NVQ Level 4 Qualification in Agriculture
- Level 5 Certificate in Agriculture
- National Certificate in Farm Mechanisation
- National Diploma in Farm Mechanisation
- College Diploma in Agriculture (Full Certificate)
- Higher National Diploma in Agriculture (HND)
- Higher National Certificate in Agriculture (HNC)
- Foundation Degree in Agriculture and Rural Studies
- Foundation Degree in Agriculture
- Certificate in Higher Education in Agriculture and Rural Studies
- Certificate in Higher Education in Agriculture
- Bachelor of Agriculture Degree (B Agr.)
- BSc in Agricultural Technology
- Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics and Management
- MSc Agri-Business Management
- Veterinary Degree Courses that **include** a Farm Business Management module

Horticulture

The following qualifications in horticulture will be considered as an appropriate qualification under the Educational Attainment Selection Criterion:

- Level 2 Work based Diploma in Horticulture.
- Level 3 Work based Diploma in Horticulture

- NVQ Level 2 in Horticulture
- NVQ Level 3 in Horticulture
- College Certificate in Horticulture
- National Certificate in Horticulture
- City and Guilds Phase II in Horticulture
- City and Guilds Phase III in Horticulture
- Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture
- National Diploma in Horticulture
- Higher National Diploma in Horticulture
- Certificate in Higher Education in Horticulture
- Foundation Degree in Horticulture
- Degree in Horticulture
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Section 2 - Equivalent Qualifications

- Two College Diploma Units where one is in Business Management and the other is in a Farm Enterprise such as Dairying, Beef/Sheep etc (DAERA Awarded).
- Business Challenge taken in conjunction with a Farm Enterprise Challenge (Challenge programmes studied must have been certificated).

Section 3 - Non-approved Qualifications

The following qualifications in agriculture will **NOT** be considered as an appropriate qualification under the Educational Attainment Selection Criterion:

- Beef Quality Initiative (BQI)
- Foundation Certificate in Agricultural industries
- BTEC HND in Food Supply Management
- Level 2 Principles of Safe use of Pesticides (ALL)
- Certificate in Management Practice
- National Diploma Community Development
- First Diploma in Food Technology
- National Diploma in Food Science
- Level 3 Certificate in Agriculture or Horticulture
- Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture or Horticulture
- NBAS Level 2 in Book Keeping
- Chartered Management Institute – Level 5 Diploma in Management
- FETAC Level 5 in Book Keeping
- BSc Combined Environmental Engineering
- BSc in Animal Health and Welfare
- MSc in Environmental Engineering
- Veterinary Degree Courses that **do not include** a Farm Business Management module

Eligibility Queries

The list of eligible qualifications above is not exhaustive. If applicants hold a qualification which is not included in this list, or have a query regarding proof of educational attainment, a helpline is available on 028 9442 6880 or email Industry.TrainingAdmin@daera-ni.gov.uk or write to:

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