

## FDQ - Qualification Purpose and Structure

FDQ number	Qualification title	Qualification approval number (QN) Qualification Wales number	EQF Level	Review date
323-023	FDQ Level 2 Award for Proficiency in Meat and Poultry Industry Skills	600/0519/1 C00/1165/6	3	31 Dec 2021

### Purpose overview

This qualification is designed primarily for learners in the meat and poultry industry who wish to develop intermediate skills and knowledge required to confirm occupational competence at work. The qualification provides choice in a wide range of automated or manual processing techniques or distribution, service and retail skills to confirm occupational competence in specific job roles including:

- Lairage/slaughter operative
- Meat and poultry processing operative
- Butchery operative
- Meat and poultry packaging and distribution operative
- Meat and poultry service/sales operative
- Meat quality assurance operative

The qualification is too small for inclusion within the Food and Drink Apprenticeship framework. It is ideal for learners who carry out routine workplace tasks and who may use this qualification as a stepping stone to larger qualifications of this type. Learners will therefore need to achieve this qualification outside of an apprenticeship framework where this meets their learning and development needs or training plan and future progression goals.

*Ofqual purpose D. Confirm occupational competence and/or 'licence to practice'.*

*Sub purpose D1. Confirm competence in an occupational role to the standards required.*

Learners need to be 16 years old or over to take this qualification. Learners do not require any prior qualifications or units or food skills experience to take this qualification. The qualification assesses and recognises competent achievement within the workplace.



The qualification covers mandatory skills from a wide range of areas like: operating meat or poultry processing plant, de-boning meat, trimming meat, producing meat-based products, wrapping and packaging, butchery service and retail operations. Learners can select from a large choice of mandatory skills in the processing, distribution, service and retail of meat and poultry. Learners may choose optional units in meat and poultry knowledge to meet their learning and development needs.

This qualification is an Award requiring achievement of 10 credits, graded at pass/fail. It is designed to provide occupational competence in the roles listed above that are based upon routine tasks that have limited scope or breadth of operations. Where roles involve a greater scope of tasks and operations a larger Certificate qualification is recommended. The Certificate requires achievement of 27 credits and allows the learner to achieve additional qualification units to reflect broader roles.

See below for: (i) a complete list of units that make up the qualification and their value within the qualification and (ii) the minimum and maximum Credits, Guided Learning Hours and Total Qualification Time.

### **This qualification could lead to**

This qualification will support progression to further learning in:

1. subject areas including:
  - meat and poultry processing
  - food preparation and processing
  - food science and technology
  - food hygiene, safety and quality
  - food team leading/management.
2. particular qualifications including:
  - FDQ L3 Award for Proficiency in Meat and Poultry Industry Skills
  - FDQ L3 Award for Proficiency in Food Industry Skills
  - FDQ L3 Award for Proficiency in Food Management
  - FDQ L3 Award for Proficiency in Food Manufacturing Excellence
  - L3 Food and Beverage qualifications
  - L3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Manufacturing
  - L3 Award in HACCP for Food Manufacturing.
3. work-based learning opportunities for controller, technician or supervisor level job roles including:
  - Lairage/slaughter controller/supervisor

- Meat and poultry processing controller
- Butchery controller/supervisor
- Meat and poultry packaging and distribution controller
- Meat and poultry service/sales controller
- Meat quality assurance technician/controller

This Award is recommended for learners progressing into Level 3 Award learning in the subject areas or qualifications listed above, or within work-based learning. The achievement of this Award may not confirm sufficient breadth of development and competence to fully support progression to Level 3 Certificate/Diploma sized learning, qualifications or within an Apprenticeship. A larger Certificate and Diploma are recommended for learners progressing into Level 3 Certificate/Diploma learning in subject areas, qualifications and into Apprenticeships.

### Qualification support

This qualification has been recognised for confirming occupational competence and is supported by the Institute of Meat and the Food Training and Education Council.

### Further Information

Further information can be obtained from our website at: <http://www.fdq.org.uk/our-qualifications/processing-and-supply/meat-and-poultry/>

Or by contacting FDQ Tel: 0113 3970 395 Email: [fdq@fdq.org.uk](mailto:fdq@fdq.org.uk)

### Rules of Combination (RoC)

	Award
<b>Total credits required for qualification</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Qualification Time (TQT)</b>	<b>100 hours</b>
Group A Mandatory units	Mandatory 8+ credits
Group B Knowledge units	Optional 0-4 credits

Guided Learning Hours Range  
(min-max)

23-98 hours

### Assessment

Occupational skills (OS) units are designed to assess the learner's applied skills required to demonstrate competent performance in the workplace in a defined role. Assessment of this qualification is by learner portfolio of achievement. Evidence of performance can be supplemented by other assessment evidence e.g. witness testimony, work-related questioning, workplace documentation, photographic evidence and professional discussion.

Other assessment methods may be used to assess occupational knowledge (OK) and underpinning knowledge (UK) requirements including e-assessment, multiple-choice examination and assignment. Assessment requirements are set out in individual units of assessment. Reasonable adjustments apply that allow learner support for oral or other assessment adjustment arrangements to meet learner needs. All assessment activity is subject to internal quality assurance.

FDQ externally quality assures all centre assessment and internal quality assurance quality and arrangements.

### List of units

<i>Unit ref</i>	<i>Unit type</i>	<i>Unit title</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>GLH</i>
<b>Group A</b>					
<b>Livestock handling and welfare units</b>					
D/502/7709	OS	Receive livestock in food operations	2	2	10
R/502/7710	OK	Understand how to receive livestock in food operations	2	3	17
Y/502/7711	OS	Receive poultry in food operations	2	2	11
D/502/7712	OK	Understand how to receive poultry in food operations	2	3	20
H/502/7713	OS	Contribute to Bio-security in livestock holding in food operations	2	2	9
K/502/7714	OK	Understand how to contribute to bio-security in livestock holding in food operations	2	2	14

<i>Unit ref</i>	<i>Unit type</i>	<i>Unit title</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>GLH</i>
M/502/7715	OS	Maintain reception and holding areas for livestock in food operations	2	2	10
T/502/7716	OK	Understand how to maintain reception and holding areas for livestock in food operations	2	2	11
A/502/7717	OS	Care for livestock pre-slaughter in food operations	2	1	7
F/502/7718	OK	Understand how to care for livestock pre-slaughter in food operations	2	2	13
J/502/7719	OS	Care for poultry pre-slaughter in food operations	2	1	9
A/502/7720	OK	Understand how to care for poultry pre-slaughter in food operations	2	2	14
F/502/7721	OS	Prepare and monitor feed and water supplies to livestock in food operations	2	2	12
J/502/7722	OK	Understand how to prepare and monitor feed and water supplies to livestock in food operations	2	2	14
<b>Primary processing units</b>					
H/502/7730	OS	Carry out manual stunning of poultry	2	2	12
T/502/7733	OK	Understand how to carry out manual stunning of poultry	2	2	12
J/502/7736	OS	Carry out manual stunning of red meat species	2	2	12
R/502/7738	OK	Understand how to carry out manual stunning red meat species	2	2	12
Y/502/7739	OS	Operate an electric stunning system for poultry	2	2	10
R/502/7741	OK	Understand how to operate an electric stunning system for poultry	2	2	9
Y/502/7742	OS	Operate a gas stunning system for poultry	2	2	10

<i>Unit ref</i>	<i>Unit type</i>	<i>Unit title</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>GLH</i>
H/502/7744	OK	Understand how to operate a gas stunning system for poultry	2	2	11
K/502/7745	OS	Operate a stunning system for red meat species	2	2	12
M/502/7746	OK	Understand how to operate a stunning system for red meat species	2	2	11
T/502/7747	OS	Carry out manual bleeding operations	2	2	11
A/502/7748	OK	Understand how to carry out manual bleeding operations	2	2	11
L/502/7754	OS	Operate a poultry bleeding system	2	2	13
R/502/775	OK	Understand how to operate a poultry bleeding system	2	2	12
H/502/7761	OS	Carry out religious slaughter	2	2	11
K/502/7762	OK	Understand how to carry out religious slaughter	2	2	11
M/502/7763	OS	Carry out bleeding operations for Halal meat	2	2	11
F/502/7766	OK	Understand how to carry out bleeding operations for Halal meat	2	2	10
R/502/7772	OS	Operate a meat carcass shackling system	2	1	7
A/502/7782	OK	Understand how to operate a meat carcass shackling system	2	1	7
R/502/7786	OS	Carry out skinning of meat carcasses	2	1	6
Y/502/7756	OK	Understand how to carry out skinning of meat carcasses	2	1	10
K/502/7759	OS	Operate a poultry plucking system	2	1	8
M/502/7794	OK	Understand how to operate a poultry plucking system	2	1	8
Y/502/7787	OS	Operate a de-hairing system	2	1	5
D/502/7788	OK	Understand how to operate a de-hairing system	2	1	5

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J/502/7803	OS	Carry out rodding and clipping of meat carcasses	2	1	7
R/502/7805	OK	Understand how to carry out rodding and clipping of meat carcasses	2	1	6
Y/502/7806	OS	Carry out splitting of meat carcasses	2	1	7
H/502/7808	OK	Understand how to carry out splitting of meat carcasses	2	1	7
K/502/7809	OS	Remove specified risk material in meat processing	2	1	9
J/502/7817	OK	Understand how to remove specified risk material in meat processing	2	1	10
L/502/7818	OS	Control automated meat/poultry processing operations	2	2	10
R/502/7819	OK	Understand how to control automated meat/poultry processing operations	2	2	9
D/502/7810	OS	Carry out manual evisceration of poultry carcasses	2	1	9
K/502/7812	OK	Understand how to carry out manual evisceration of carcasses for Kosher meat	2	1	8
M/502/7813	OK	Understand how to carry out manual evisceration of poultry carcasses	2	1	8
H/502/7811	OS	Carry out manual evisceration of red meat carcasses	2	1	9
T/502/7814	OK	Understand how to carry out manual evisceration of red meat carcasses	2	1	8
A/502/7815	OS	Operate a carcass electrical stimulation system	2	1	7
F/502/7816	OK	Understand how to operate a carcass electrical stimulation system	2	1	9
<b>Secondary processing and butchery units</b>					
M/502/7830	OS	Sort waste by-products and edible co-products in meat processing	2	1	8

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T/502/7831	OK	Understand how to sort poultry waste by-products and edible co-products	2	1	9
F/502/7833	OK	Understand how to sort red meat waste by-products and edible co-products	2	1	9
R/502/7836	OS	Process waste by-products and edible co-products in meat processing	2	1	8
Y/502/7885	OK	Understand how to process poultry waste by-products and edible co-products	2	1	9
D/502/7838	OK	Understand how to process red meat waste by-products and edible co-products	2	1	9
Y/502/7840	OS	Carry out primal cutting in meat processing	2	2	12
K/502/7843	OK	Understand how to carry out primal cutting in poultry processing	2	2	9
T/502/7845	OK	Understand how to carry out primal cutting in red meat processing	2	2	9
F/502/7847	OS	Carry out boning in meat processing	2	3	14
J/502/7848	OK	Understand how to carry out boning in poultry processing	2	2	12
L/502/7849	OK	Understand how to carry out boning in red meat processing	2	2	12
L/502/7852	OS	Carry out seaming or filleting in meat processing	2	2	12
F/502/7850	OK	Understand how to carry out seaming or filleting in meat processing	2	2	10
R/502/7853	OS	Carry out trimming in meat processing	2	2	14
Y/502/7854	OK	Understand how to carry out trimming in meat processing	2	2	12
D/502/7855	OS	Carry out primal butchery of red meat in sales operations	2	2	12
H/502/7856	OK	Understand how to carry out primal butchery of red meat in sales operations	2	2	14



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M/502/7858	OS	Carry out secondary butchery of red meat in sales operations	2	2	12
T/502/7859	OK	Understand how to carry out secondary butchery of red meat in sales operations	2	2	15
K/502/7860	OS	Carry out poultry butchery in sales operations	2	2	11
M/502/7861	OK	Understand how to carry out poultry butchery in sales operations	2	2	15
T/502/7862	OS	Carry out wild game butchery in sales operations	2	2	11
A/502/7863	OK	Understand how to carry out wild game butchery in sales operations	2	2	15
L/502/7866	OS	Produce portion controlled raw meat products	2	2	8
R/502/7867	OK	Understand how to produce portion controlled raw meat products	2	1	8
Y/502/7868	OS	Carry out flavour enhancement in meat processing	2	2	11
D/502/7869	OK	Understand how to carry out flavour enhancement in meat processing	2	2	12
R/502/7870	OS	Operate a meat injection system	2	2	12
Y/502/7871	OK	Understand how to operate a meat injection system	2	2	12
D/502/7872	OS	Cure meat products	2	2	11
H/502/7873	OK	Understand how to cure meat products	2	2	10
K/502/7874	OS	Carry out massaging in meat processing	2	2	14
M/502/7875	OK	Understand how to carry out massaging in meat processing	2	2	12
T/502/7876	OS	Produce sausages	2	2	10
A/502/7877	OK	Understand how to produce sausages	2	1	8
R/601/4675	OS	Fill or extrude meat and meat based mixtures	2	2	8

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D/601/4677	OK	Understand how to fill or extrude meat and meat based mixtures	2	2	16
F/502/7878	OS	Produce batch meat preparations and products	2	2	9
J/502/7879	OK	Understand how to produce batch meat preparations and products	2	1	10
A/502/7880	OS	Oven cook batched meat and meat products	2	2	12
F/502/7881	OK	Understand how to oven cook batched meat and meat products	2	2	12
J/502/7882	OS	Fry poultry products	2	2	8
L/502/7883	OS	Produce added value meat products in sales operations	2	2	12
R/502/7884	OK	Understand how to produce added value meat products in sales operations	2	2	14
L/602/1706	OS	Prepare sauces and marinades by hand in food manufacture	2	3	22
R/602/1707	OK	Understand how to prepare sauces and marinades by hand in food manufacture	2	2	8
K/601/4570	OS	Prepare ingredients and store fillings and toppings in food manufacture	2	3	25
H/601/4616	OK	Understand how to prepare ingredients and store savoury fillings and toppings in food manufacture	2	2	14
<b>Butchery sales and service units</b>					
L/601/8305	OS	Sell food products in a retail environment	2	2	14
R/601/8306	OK	Understand how to sell food products in a retail environment	2	3	20
F/502/7864	OS	Display meat and meat products in sales operations	2	2	8
J/502/7865	OK	Understand how to display meat and meat products in sales operations	2	2	12

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D/602/4576	OS	Serve on a specialist food retail counter	2	2	16
H/602/4577	OK	Understand how to serve on a specialist food retail counter	2	2	14
A/601/4573	OS	Bake-off food products for sale	2	2	15
J/601/4575	OK	Understand how to bake-off food products for sale	2	2	13
D/601/4615	OS	Assemble and process products for food service	2	2	13
M/601/4618	OK	Understand how to assemble and process products for food service	2	2	11
D/601/4582	OS	Prepare to operate a counter/take away service in food operations	2	2	4
J/601/4589	OK	Understand how to prepare to operate a counter/take away service in food operations	2	2	10
F/601/4591	OS	Operate a counter/take-away service in food operations	2	2	4
D/601/4596	OK	Understand how to operate a counter/take-away service in food operations	2	2	12
M/601/4599	OS	Prepare to operate a table/tray service in food operations	2	2	4
H/601/4602	OK	Understand how to prepare to operate a table/tray service in food operations	2	2	12
M/601/4604	OS	Operate a table/tray service in food operations	2	2	4
T/601/4605	OK	Understand how to operate a table/tray service in food operations	2	2	12
A/601/8297	OS	Produce product packs in food operations	2	3	10
F/601/8298	OK	Understand how to produce product packs in food operations	2	3	25
R/601/4580	OS	Produce individual packs by hand in food operations	2	3	14

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A/502/7443	OK	Understand how to produce individual packs by hand in food operations	2	3	15
J/502/7820	OS	Label food products by hand in food operations	2	1	5
L/502/7821	OK	Understand how to label food products by hand in operations	2	1	5
R/502/7822	OS	Prepare food product orders for customers in operations	2	1	6
Y/502/7823	OK	Understand how to prepare food product orders for customers in operations	2	1	6
M/602/1715	OS	Prepare orders for despatch in food operations	2	3	19
M/602/1696	OK	Understand how to prepare orders for despatch in food operations	2	3	20
<b>Support operations units</b>					
F/601/8303	OS	Monitor food hygiene standards using rapid test methods in operations	2	3	19
J/601/8304	OK	Understand how to monitor food hygiene standards using rapid test methods in operations	2	2	12
T/602/1702	OS	Control weighing in food manufacture	2	2	10
Y/601/4631	OS	Control temperature reduction in food manufacture	2	3	20
D/601/4632	OS	Control wrapping in food manufacture	2	3	17
R/601/4613	OS	Control slicing in food manufacture	2	3	17
Y/601/4614	OK	Understand how to control processes in food manufacture	2	4	26
J/602/1705	OS	Control defrosting in food manufacture	2	2	15
D/601/4663	OK	Understand how to control defrosting in food manufacture	2	3	19
T/601/4653	OS	Slice and bag individual food products	2	2	15

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R/601/4658	OK	Understand how to slice and bag individual food products	2	2	15
M/601/4666	OS	Control washing and drying machinery in food operations	2	3	16
T/601/4670	OK	Understand how to control washing and drying machinery in food operations	2	2	12
Y/601/2944	OS	Contribute to problem diagnosis in food manufacture	2	2	10
D/601/2945	OK	Understand how to contribute to problem diagnosis in food manufacture	2	2	15
H/601/2946	OS	Contribute to problem resolution in food manufacture	2	3	13
K/601/2947	OK	Understand how to contribute to problem resolution in food manufacture	2	2	18
H/601/8309	OS	Carry out product changeovers in food manufacture	2	2	11
Y/601/8310	OK	Understand how to carry out product changeovers in food manufacture	2	2	16
D/502/7449	OS	Palletise and wrap products in food operations	2	3	21
R/502/7450	OK	Understand how to palletise and wrap products in food operations	2	2	6
R/601/4627	OS	Pack orders for despatch in food operations	2	1	6
Y/601/4628	OK	Understand how to pack orders for despatch in food operations	2	1	6
A/601/4623	OS	Store goods and materials in food operations	2	3	24
F/601/4624	OK	Understand how to store and organise goods and materials in food operations	2	4	25
T/601/8301	OS	Lift and handle materials safely in food operations	2	2	10
A/601/8302	OK	Understand how to lift and handle materials safely in food operations	2	2	15

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J/601/4625	OS	Supply materials for production in food operations	2	3	18
L/601/4626	OK	Understand how to supply materials for production in food operations	2	3	17
J/601/8299	OS	Control hygiene cleaning in food operations	2	3	23
K/601/5184	OS	Carry out disinfection in food operations	2	2	8
T/601/5186	OK	Understand how to carry out disinfection in food operations	2	2	15
M/601/8300	OK	Understand how to control hygiene cleaning in food operations	2	3	28
T/602/0632	OS	Sharpen cutting tools for use in food operations	2	2	7
F/602/0634	OK	Understand how to sharpen cutting tools for use in food operations	2	2	14
T/601/2921	OS	Contribute to the maintenance of plant and equipment in food operations	2	3	30
A/601/2922	OK	Understand how to contribute to the maintenance of plant and equipment in food operations	2	3	20
D/601/8311	OS	Carry out sampling for quality control in food operations	3	2	8
H/601/8312	OK	Understand how to carry out sampling for quality control in food operations	3	3	26
Y/601/2927	OS	Organise and improve work activities for achieving excellence in food operations	2	3	13
D/601/2928	OK	Understand how to organise and improve work activities for achieving excellence in food operations	2	3	14
K/601/2933	OS	Contribute to the application of improvement techniques for achieving excellence in food operations	2	3	12

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M/601/2934	OK	Understand how to contribute to the application of improvement techniques for achieving excellence in food operations	2	3	18
A/601/2919	OS	Contribute to environmental safety in food operations	2	2	5
M/601/2920	OK	Understand how to contribute to environmental safety in food operations	2	2	11
L/601/2925	OS	Contribute to sustainable practice in food operations	2	2	3
R/601/2926	OK	Understand how to contribute to sustainable practice in food operations	2	2	14
<b>Group B</b>					
H/601/2896	OS	Work effectively with others in food operations	2	2	15
K/601/2897	OK	Understand how to work effectively with others in food operations	2	2	18
T/601/2899	OS	Maintain product quality in food operations	2	2	5
H/601/2901	OK	Understand how to maintain product quality in food operations	2	2	11
K/601/2902	OS	Maintain workplace food safety standards in operations	2	2	16
M/601/2903	OK	Understand how to maintain workplace food safety standards in operations	2	2	20
M/601/2917	OS	Maintain workplace health and safety in food operations	2	2	4
T/601/2918	OK	Understand how to maintain workplace health and safety in food operations	2	2	18
H/601/2929	OS	Contribute to continuous improvement for achieving excellence in food operations	2	3	14

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Y/601/2930	OK	Understand how to contribute to continuous improvement for achieving excellence in food operations	2	2	12
K/601/8313	OS	Clean in place (CIP) plant and equipment in food operations	2	3	19
M/601/8314	OK	Understand how to prepare for and conduct cleaning in place (CIP) of plant and equipment in food operations	2	2	12
T/601/8315	OK	Understand how to avoid contamination and complete cleaning in place (CIP) of plant and equipment in food operations	2	2	13
A/601/8316	OS	Carry out task hand-over procedures in food manufacture	2	2	10
F/601/8317	OK	Understand how to carry out task hand-over procedures in food manufacture	2	1	7