



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Trade Testing Board Assessment Criteria

1. Introduction

The following is a detailed description of the assessment criteria to be adopted by the Trade Testing Board (TTB) to reach a final decision on the award of the Certificate of Competence.

2. Trade Test

As defined in the Standard Operating Procedure, the trade test of candidates is to be made up of the following Components:

1. Written
2. The interview
3. Practical Test

The Written Component

The Board has agreed that candidates will be required to sit for a written test. The duration of the written test will be of one and a half hours to assess the theoretical competence of the candidate.

The questions of the written test paper will cover topics such as:

Bee Keeping

Poultry

Rabbit Keeping

Dairy

Pig

Animal welfare

Gestation / Development

Fodder/ Feed stuff

To use for interview

Disease (common) / Deficiency

Record Keeping

Disease prevention (& Biosecurity) on farm for waste management

Fish Farming

The Practical Component

The practical is intended for candidates to demonstrate their hands-on experience as livestock operator.

The practical test will include any of the following:

- Practical identification of forage plants
- Use machinery on farms
- milking animal handling animal identification Maintenance of herdboohs
- Husbandry procedures
- Personal presentation
- Machinery safety, basic maintenance & handling knowledge
- Hand tools & safety
- Early disease detection

The Interview Component

- All candidates will be called for an interview after to the practical test, as this will allow the Board to assess the proficiency of The candidate will be questioned with regards to his wider knowledge of subject and future work prospects
- The duration of the interview will be 20 to 30 minutes during which the Board will have the opportunity to put forward questions related to the various skill requirements and work elements.
- The Interview questions will cover the following topics.
 - (a) Health & Safety
 - (b) Aptitude towards field and manual work
 - (c) General attitude towards work, colleagues and ability forming part of a team
 - (d) Work experience
 - (e) Technical questions

The Board believes that the candidate should answer questions on the above topics with confidence while portraying technical skills and knowledge of the subject.