

The Education Team have noticed an increase in similar questions being sent to us so have put together a frequently asked questions document to hopefully cover these.

Q1:	<b>What is the structure of the Qualification Framework?</b>
A:	<p>The Qualification Framework has three stages with three individual awards. Stage 1 is made up of Unit 1 Regulatory Environment and Enforcement, Unit 2 Business and Consumer Legal Frameworks and Unit 3 Trading Standards Law Part 1 which upon completion will obtain the Trading Standards Practitioner Certificate (TSPC).</p> <p>Stage 2 is made up of Unit 4 Weights and Measures, a Unit 4 option (Food, Feed or Product Safety), Unit 5 Investigations and Unit 6 Regulating Markets. Upon completion of Stage 2 you will obtain the Trading Standards Practitioner Diploma (TSPD).</p> <p>Stage 3 is a project-based qualification. The project is an 8,000-word document that is linked to trading standards and should be of benefit to the authority, region or the profession. Upon completion the Trading Standards Advanced Practitioner Diploma (TSAPD) will be awarded.</p> <p>You can see a visual picture and more detail of the structure via <a href="#">this link</a>.</p>
Q2:	<b>When can I register into the Qualification Framework?</b>
A	<p>There is one exam cycle taking place in May each year. Registration for the cycles open in the June of each year in preparation for the following cycle.</p> <p>Registration for training and for the examinations are two separate entities.</p>
Q3:	<b>Can I book onto the training and the examinations together?</b>
A	<p>Registration for the training and for the assessments are two separate entities. Training can be undertaken separately without going onto complete the assessments if you so wish.</p> <p>It is however recommended to complete the training as this provides knowledge for the subject area which will then support the assessments.</p>

Q4: **How much will the**





