

THE MPO DAIRY QUALIFICATION

The **Dairy Occupational Qualification** was developed by the MPO in partnership with AgriSeta. This qualification is regulated by the Quality Council for Trade and Occupations (**QCTO**) and covers **levels 1–5** of the National Qualifications Framework (**NQF**). This training gives dairy employees the opportunity to achieve an occupational qualification.

NOTE!! Only a registered Skills Development Provider (SDP) can present this qualification. The MPO Training Institute is in the process of SDP registration – until completed the MPO Training Institute is presenting this qualification as a MPO recognised qualification only.

1. DAIRY FARMWORKER

NQF Level 2

* **Entry requirements: Foundation learning competence (English reading and writing)**

Module 1: The South African dairy farming environment

Module 2: Dairy calf and heifer rearing, feeding and healthcare

Module 3: Dairy animal healthcare

Module 4: Dairy animal reproduction

Module 5: Dairy livestock feeding

Module 6: Milk harvesting and in-parlour processing

Module 8: *Code of practice for milk producers*

2. DAIRY SUPERVISOR

NQF Level 3

* **Entry requirements: Grade 12**

Module 1: The South African dairy farming environment

Module 2: Dairy calf and heifer rearing, feeding and healthcare

Module 3: Dairy animal healthcare

Module 4: Dairy animal reproduction

Module 5: Dairy livestock feeding

Module 6: Milk harvesting and in-parlour processing

Module 7: Team leadership

Module 8: *Code of practice for milk producers*

The content of the dairy farmworker and dairy supervisor modules covers the same topics, however the dairy farmworker module is a more simplified version.



3. DAIRY UNIT MANAGER

NQF Level 5

* **The dairy manager builds on the dairy supervisor qualification**

Module 9: Dairy farm production management

Module 10: Farm business management

Module 11: Pasture management

Module 12: Reproduction management

Module 13: Biosecurity management



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The qualification as a dairy farmer can only be obtained once the learner has completed both the dairy supervisor and manager levels. The modules can also be presented separately and each module completed will be recognised. The qualification can also be attained, in part, through recognition of prior learning (RPL), which includes the assessment of previous learning interventions and work experience.

Knowledge

is conveyed during scheduled workshops or training sessions. Competency is assessed by testing the knowledge gained at the end of each training session. The theory or knowledge component is divided into 13 modules.

Practical skills

require the performance of specific practical tasks. Practical skills are assessed after the relevant theory has been discussed. The assessor receives an assessment guide with stipulated assessment criteria and observes the learner doing specific tasks. If the learner is able to meet the requirements, the learner is declared competent. If the learner is not yet competent, another assessment intervention can be scheduled when the learner indicates they are ready to be assessed.

Work experience

forms an important part of the whole training programme. Each learner receives a logbook stipulating how (observing, assisting or without supervision) and for how long the learner must actively be involved in specified tasks on a dairy farm. The logbook must be completed by the supervisor or farmer under whose guidance the learner worked in a specified section on the dairy farm and serves as important evidence of the learner's overall competency.

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