

SPECIAL PRODUCT INFORMATION UPDATE



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Qualification Withdrawal

RSPH have been in the process of updating our suite of Food Safety qualifications, as a result the following qualifications are going to be withdrawn from regulation.

This will happen from **30th April 2018**, however, after the **1st November 2017**, you will not be able to **order** exam papers for the qualifications listed below:

RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Retail	500/5093/X
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering	500/5480/6

To ensure that you can continue to utilise exam papers that you may still have in stock after the 1st November 2017, you **will be able** to submit them for marking up until the **30th April 2018**, however we would recommend you submit them before this date.

Also, after the **1st December 2017**, you will not be able to **order** exam papers for the qualifications listed below:

RSPH Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Retail	500/5370/X
RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering	500/5483/1

Also, after the **1st January 2018**, you will not be able to **order** exam papers for the qualifications listed below:

RSPH Level 4 Award in Food Safety Management for Manufacturing	500/5317/6
RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety in Catering	500/5484/3

You will order exam papers from the new suite of qualifications identified further below.

To ensure that you can continue to utilise exam papers that you may still have in stock after the 1st December 2017, you **will be able** to submit them for marking up until the **30th April 2018**, however we would recommend you submit them before this date.

Any papers received **after the 30th April 2018** for the qualifications listed below, **will not** be marked and candidates not registered, as the qualification will not be regulated post this date.

New Qualifications

As mentioned above, we have looked into the food safety qualifications and through discussions with our sector advisory panel we have now redeveloped the suite.

What does this mean? It was agreed that the qualifications should be combined to form one single qualification per level.

It was felt that at level 2, the qualifications in catering and retail are so similar that it made sense to have one combined assessment.

This qualification will commence from the **1st November 2017**.

At level 3, again it was determined that the content of the qualification could be brought together to form one single qualification that covers both catering and retail. What will determine the difference between the 2 will be the overall assessment, with part 2 of the assessment having specific questions for either catering or retail.

These qualifications will commence from the **1st December 2017**.

At level 4, as with the others, it was felt that there was sufficient generic content between catering and manufacturing that the qualifications could be brought together. This would allow common teaching where possible to cover unit 1, with then more specific teaching for unit 2 and 3, each will cover catering or manufacturing. The assessment for this qualification will consist of 2 parts, short answer questions and scenario based requirement which will cover unit 2 or 3, either catering or manufacturing.

These qualifications will commence from the **1st January 2018**.

All centres currently approved on the above qualifications, will be automatically approved on the appropriate alternate qualification identified below.

From the 1st November/1st December 2017 or 1st January 2018, any exam papers ordered will be linked to the qualification below.

The specifications will be available from our website via the links below:

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-2-award-in-food-safety-and-hygiene.html>

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-3-award-in-supervising-food-safety-and-hygiene-retail.html>

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-3-award-in-supervising-food-safety-and-hygiene-catering.html>

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-4-award-in-managing-food-safety-and-hygiene-catering.html>

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-4-award-in-managing-food-safety-and-hygiene-manufacturing.html>

We are also working on having specimen papers available for each qualification and will be uploaded to the 'specification and useful documents' section in due course.

FOOD SAFETY	Ofqual QAN
RSPH Level 2 Award in Food Safety & Hygiene	603/2395/4
RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervision for Food Safety & Hygiene (Catering)	603/2396/6
RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervision for Food Safety & Hygiene (Retail)	603/2396/6
RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety & Hygiene (Catering)	603/2407/7
RSPH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety & Hygiene (Manufacturing)	603/2407/7

Wales/Northern Ireland

It is the intention to offer these qualifications in both Wales and Northern Ireland.

Support will be sought with a view to the qualifications being launched **by the 1st January 2018.**

Existing Exam Papers

Centres that wish to move straight on to the new qualifications from either November or December can exchange up to 20 papers per level/qualification.

After the 30th April 2018 centres will also be allowed to exchange up to 20 papers per level/qualification.

The papers exchanged must be for the equivalent qualifications.

Questions

If you have any questions relating to these developments please email dsinclair@rsph.org.uk or examinations@rsph.org.uk