

Level achieved	Qualification Points Awarded	Relevant experience points required for MIFST [^]	Relevant experience points required for FIFST [^] to include 5 years of experience at a senior level
Level 8 qualification: PhD Food Sc/Tech and closely related ¹	80	0	50
Level 7 qualification in Food Sc/Tech and closely related¹: MSc, PGCert, PGDip, Level 7 award, certificate, diploma, NVQ or apprenticeship	60	20	70
Level 6 qualification in Food Sc/Tech and closely related¹: BSc, Graduate Cert, Graduate Dip & higher degrees, Level 6 award, certificate, diploma, NVQ or apprenticeship	50	30	80
Level 6-8 qualification in other science/tech²: BSc, Graduate Cert, Graduate Dip & higher degrees, Level 6 award, certificate, diploma, NVQ or apprenticeship	40	40	90
Level 4 and 5 qualifications: Foundation degrees, HND, HNC, CertHE, DipHE, Level 4 or 5 award, certificate, diploma, NVQ or apprenticeship in all scientific and technological disciplines ^{1 2}	30	50	100
Level 3 apprenticeship, no formal science or tech qualifications, or copy of the qualification is not provided	0	80	130

Please note:

- FIFST applications: a total of 130 points is required.
- MIFST applications: a total of 80 points is required.
- [^]Work experience and apprenticeship points are awarded on the basis of 10 points per year, or .8 points per month – these can be awarded on a pro-rata basis.
- FIFST applicants are required to have 5 years of experience at a senior level as part of their experience.
- Only highest qualification attracts points. Certificate must be provided for points to be awarded.
- If CV or LinkedIn profile is not provided as evidence 0 points are awarded.

Examples of suitable subjects for qualification:

¹Food Science and technology; Degrees of which major element is food, plus another subject, e.g. nutrition, product development, chemistry, microbiology, marketing, management, regulatory, consumer studies, biotechnology

²Science, technology and engineering subjects; e.g. nutrition, chemistry, biochemistry, physics, mathematics, biology, engineering, statistics, agriculture, environmental sciences, plus modular degrees which combine these subjects

Relevant experience is defined as follows:

- Relevant experience can be defined as that during which professional knowledge and skills have been enhanced and acquired.
- The applicant should demonstrate the continuing development of their knowledge and skills through increased responsibilities taken on as their career develops.
- This can be achieved through a wide range of employment within the food chain and associated organisations, education, training or personal study relating to the practice of food science and technology.
- Examples of suitable employment include: food processing, food manufacturing, distribution, technical sales, food law enforcement, food retailing, food service, trade bodies, legal work, consultancy, central and local government departments and agencies, research, academia, teaching, media, etc.