

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 1 Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Working in Land-Based Industries (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to the next level of vocational learning including Further Education. It could also support your entry to employment or your development within employment. If you are interested in a career working with animals, plants or farm site maintenance, then this qualification could be suitable for you. The qualification has been designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding across areas within the animal care and land-based industries and will support you to develop a strong foundation that will enable progression to higher level learning and/or employment.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Those currently unemployed who wish to retrain

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Certificate, you will be required to complete 18 credits and to commit to approximately 180 hours of learning. To achieve the Diploma, you will be required to complete 37 credits and to commit to approximately 370 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete two mandatory units in 'Introduction to Land Based Studies' which will provide an insight to the industry and 'Health and Safety in the Workplace' which will provide helpful knowledge on how to work safely within the industry.

You then have a choice of optional units from across the sector covering: Animal Care; Horticulture and Site Maintenance. You can choose one optional pathway for a more focussed study or have a mixture of optional pathway to give a broad learning experience. Should you choose one optional pathway for the Certificate qualification, this will be endorsed on your qualification certificate ie Level 1 Certificate in Skills for Working in Land-Based Industries (RQF) (Animal Care). Your tutor will be able to explain this in detail. Examples of units include, but not limited to:

- Assist with the Care of Animals
- Assist with Moving Animals
- Harvest Crops
- Assist with the Basic Preparation and Operation of a Tractor

What are the Entry Requirements?

You must be over 16 years old to complete this qualification to support your health, safety and wellbeing and that of animals. No other prior achievements required.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise and develop your skills and establish personal, learning and employment goals. The achievement of the qualification will prepare you for progression to the next level of vocational learning. Examples of this include, but are not exclusive to:

- Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Working in Land-Based Industries
- Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Working in Land-Based Industries
- Apprenticeship such as:
 - Animal Care and Welfare Assistant
 - Underkeeper

You may choose to seek employment in one of many varied occupational areas, for example:

- Farm Worker Assistant
- Animal Care Worker Assistant
- Animal Assistant

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. There will be elements within the qualification that will need to be completed in a practical setting.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges including Pinehurst Training, St. Helen's College, Myerscough College and Bishop Burton College.