

# Purpose Statement

## Open Awards Level 2 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. The qualification was designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding across areas within this sector, including Animal Care, Horticulture, Precision Technology and Site Maintenance.

### Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Those currently unemployed who wish to retrain Experienced workers looking to progress and/or seeking a formal qualification

### 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 commit to approximately 370 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete three mandatory units 'Introduction to Working in Land-Based Industries', 'Maintain and Develop Personal Performance' and 'Safe Working in the Land-based Sector' which will provide an insight into the industry and ask you to evaluate your own performance against the knowledge, understanding and skills required for your chosen career pathway. In addition, you will learn how to adopt safe working practices for the industry.

You then have a choice of generic optional units from across: Animal Care; Crops and Harvesting; 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 Certificate qualification, this will be endorsed on your qualification certificate ie Level 2 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 are not limited to:

- Introduction to Preparing and Grooming Animals
- Understand Animal Transport by Road – Short Journeys
- Plant Crops
- Maintain Equipment and Machines
- Place and Fix Fence Post

## **What are the Entry Requirements?**

You must be over 18 years old to complete this qualification to support your health, safety and wellbeing and that of animals. No other prior achievements required. However, it may be useful to have completed a Level 1 Certificate and/or Diploma in Skills for Working in Land-Based Industries.

## **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 3 BTEC Diploma in Agriculture
- Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Animal Management
- Apprenticeships such as:
  - Crop Technician
  - Animal Technologist

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

- Farm Worker (Crops/Livestock)
- Horse Groom

## **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.