

Level 2 National Certificate in Animal Care (0341)

Centres' Information Sheet

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About the Qualification

NPTC has designed this vocationally related qualification to provide an accredited qualification for people working with animals.

It is aimed at candidates:-

- looking for career progression into or within the sector
- who wish to develop the skills learnt from other qualifications
- who require evidence towards the underpinning knowledge of the N/SVQ
- who are looking for progression towards higher education

The qualification is suitable for school leavers or for adults looking for a change in career. It is designed to contribute towards the knowledge and understanding for the N/SVQs in Animal Care (0255) while containing additional skills and knowledge which go beyond the scope of the National Occupational Standards. It provides a valuable alternative for those candidates who do not have access to the N/SVQ.

- This qualification is available to candidates aged 16 years and over.

Do these qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

The qualifications are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) at level 2 and are therefore eligible for public funding.

Qualification Structure

For the award of a full certificate, candidates must complete 4 core units and 7 optional units covering a wide range of practical animal care tasks at this level from the units below.

For the individual unit accreditation, candidates can choose any of the units.

Qualification Content

Core units

- Unit 231 Animal health and wellbeing
- Unit 232 Feeding and watering animals
- Unit 233 Work related experience in the Land-based sector
- Unit 234 Safe working with and around animals

Optional units

- Unit 235 Introduction to animal science
- Unit 236 Animal housing
- Unit 237 Animal behaviour and handling

Optional units continued...

- Unit 238 Small business practices in the Land-based sector
- Unit 239 Introduction to animal nursing and the veterinary practice
- Unit 240 Kennel and cattery husbandry
- Unit 241 Introduction to dog grooming
- Unit 242 Introduction into pet retail operations
- Unit 243 Wildlife care and rehabilitation
- Unit 244 Livestock care
- Unit 245 Horse care
- Unit 246 Care of small animals and birds
- Unit 247 Exotic pet care
- Unit 248 Zoo animal care

Please note: Candidates wishing to progress onto the Level 3 Advanced National Certificate/Diploma will need to complete unit 235 Introduction to animal science.

Assessment

Assessment takes place through:

- a multiple choice GOLA test covering the underpinning knowledge of units 231, 232, 233 and 234.
- NPTC assignments, covering units 231-233 and 235-248.
- An assignment guide for candidates and assessors is available from the NPTC website.

What's the next step?

If you are an existing approved centre, you will need to complete a qualification approval form (NPTC's QAP). The cost of this is £200 and you should contact the NPTC Verification Team.

If you are not an approved centre and would like to become one, please contact the NPTC Sales and Marketing Team who will guide you through the approval process. The cost for becoming an approved centre is £1500.

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