

Level 1 Certificate in Land-based Studies Centres' Information Sheet

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Key Points

- This qualification is eligible for UK funding and the guided learning hours are 350.
- It is aimed at candidates:-
 - for whom N/SVQs are not an option
 - who wish to enter and have career progression within the sector
 - who wish to develop the skills learnt from other qualifications
 - require evidence towards the underpinning knowledge of the NVQ/SVQ

The qualification can be taken as a whole or as individual units

The qualification is suitable for candidates looking for entry into employment in the land-based sector or progression to other qualifications.

Candidates can select one of four routes to the award, which provide an introduction to knowledge and skills involved in occupations in either:

- horticulture
- floristry
- agriculture and environmental conservation
- animal and horse care

The qualification is approved for use by pre-16 candidates, as well as all candidates 16 and over. There are no pre-requisites, but an interest in a vocational area could be an advantage.

Does this qualification form part of a recognised framework?

This qualification is accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority into the National Qualifications Framework at Level 1.

General Structure and Qualification Endorsement

The candidate must undertake two core units, the specialist core unit (as appropriate to the route) and four optional units to achieve the qualification. A total of seven units are required to achieve the full award.

Candidates will need to be registered for one of the four routes, and the qualification will be endorsed accordingly.

Units

Core units

- Unit 1: Safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
Unit 2: Develop performance in land-based industries

Optional units

- Unit 3: Industrial experience in land-based industries
Unit 4: Identify plants
Unit 5: Identify common pests and diseases
Unit 6: Use transport and assist with the maintenance of tools and equipment
Unit 7: Contribute to the establishment of plants
Unit 8: Contribute to the maintenance of plants
Unit 9: Contribute to the propagation of plants
Unit 10: Contribute to the establishment and maintenance of lawns
Unit 11: Contribute to the construction and maintenance of structures and surfaces

- Unit 12: Carry out basic floristry tasks
Unit 13: Identify flowers, foliage and plants
Unit 14: Produce and maintain shop displays
Unit 15: Produce planted designs
Unit 16: Assemble basic floral designs
Unit 17: Assist with maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals
Unit 18: Assist with the care of animals
Unit 19: Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals
Unit 20: Introduction to crop systems
Unit 21: Assist with the repair and maintenance of structures in the countryside
Unit 22: Assist with the repair and maintenance of surfaces and ancillary structures in the countryside
Unit 23: Carry out tractor operations
Unit 24: Introduction to wildlife and conservation
Unit 25: Assist with the establishment of plants and sites in the countryside
Unit 26: Assist with the maintenance of plants and sites in the countryside
Unit 27: Animals in the wild and in society
Unit 28: Assist with feeding and watering animals
Unit 29: Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation
Unit 30: Assist with the handling and restraint of animals
Unit 31: Assist with the exercise of animals
Unit 32: Assist with the preparation for exercise and aftercare of horses
Unit 33: Exercise horses under supervision
Unit 34: Maintain the health of horses

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.
verification@nptc.org.uk

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

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