

Level 1 Certificate in Land-based Studies **Learners' Information Sheet**

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About the Qualification

The qualification provides a starting point for candidates who wish to start a career in the land-based and environmental sector. It also supports progression to other qualifications, such as providing the necessary knowledge for a related NVQ at level 1, or other qualifications at level 2, to include:

NVQs:

- Level 1 Land-based Operations
- Level 1 Agriculture
- Level 1 Horticulture
- Level 2 Livestock Production
- Level 2 Crop Production
- Level 2 Amenity Horticulture
- Level 2 Floristry
- Level 2 Environmental Conservation
- Level 2 Animal Care
- Level 2 Horse Care

Level 2 National Certificates in:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Environmental Conservation
- Gamekeeping
- Floristry
- Animal Care
- Horse Care

Key Points

- This qualification is eligible for UK funding and the guided learning hours are 350.
- It is aimed at candidates:-
 - for whom NVQ/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 N/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
- Agriculture and Environmental Conservation
- Floristry
- 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.

Benefits of the Qualification

This qualification is recognised throughout the UK. Positioned within the National Qualifications Framework, it provides an accredited qualification at level 1 for those wishing to enter, or progress further, into the sector.

Assessment

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.

Every unit is assessed through an assignment, which is made up of a number of tasks. These tasks are set by NPTC, and marked internally by the Centre.

In addition, the core units are assessed using a multiple choice test, which candidates take through the Global On-Line Test (GOLA) system.

The specialist core unit also is tested through a separate multiple choice test via GOLA.

What's the next step?

In the first instance you need to view the City & Guilds website (www.cityandguilds.com). Click on the City & Guilds red car to stay on the City & Guilds site. Follow the prompts through to the qualifications you are looking for. If you click on the qualification, you can enter your postcode to find your nearest Assessment Centre. The Centre will be able to advise you on the training and assessment of the qualification.

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