

**Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care
(QCF)
(0067)**

Information Sheet

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About the Qualification

The QCF work-based qualifications are based on the QCF units developed by Lantra SSC, and link directly to the National Occupational Standards. They are suitable for candidates who wish to obtain qualifications while in employment and develop their careers within the industry. They may also progress onto higher levels in education.

This qualification will form part of the Advanced Apprenticeship framework for Animal Care. The aim is to provide a work-related, competence based qualification. It reflects the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively and shows that a candidate is competent in the area of work that the qualification represents.

Do these qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

The qualification is accredited by Ofqual onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) at level 3.

The Qualification Accreditation Number is 500/6815/5.
The qualification Guided Learning Hours (GLH) are 351.

Qualification Structure

The following routes are available for the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care:

- 0067-31 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Animal Care and Welfare). Candidates must complete a minimum of 54 credits.
- 0067-32 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Zoos/Wildlife Establishments). Candidates must complete a minimum of 54 credits.
- 0067-33 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Dog Grooming). Candidates must complete a minimum of 55 credits.
- 0067-34 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Pet Care and Retail). Candidates must complete a minimum of 57 credits.
- 0067-36 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Animal Training). Candidates must complete a minimum of 66 credits.
- 0067-37 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Dogs/Animal Wardens). Candidates must complete a minimum of 61 credits.
- 0067-38 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Animals in Education and Entertainment). Candidates must complete a minimum of 80 credits.

For a description of the units required for each pathway please refer to the qualification handbook.

Please note: 0067-35 Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care (Animal Welfare Enforcement) will be added during 2010. This route is currently unavailable.

Are there learning materials available?

Qualification handbook and assessor guidance	SP-03-0067 www.nptc.org.uk
Candidate guide and logbook	TS-03-0067 www.nptc.org.uk

Portfolio builder pack	PB-NPTC www.nptc.org.uk
Sample short answer question paper	exams@nptc.org.uk
Assignment guide	exams@nptc.org.uk

Assessment

The units will be assessed by the gathering of work-based evidence into a portfolio. The authenticity, sufficiency and validity of the evidence will be judged by the assessor.

Assessment for candidates completing the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care as part of the Advanced Apprenticeship framework.

Candidates are required to undertake an independent assessment in the form of a short answer written test and an assignment. This covers the underpinning knowledge elements of the units included within the test and assignment. The test is specific to the qualification route chosen and may be taken three times a year. Exam dates are available on the Walled Garden. These tests are dated entry exams. Test specifications for the different routes are available in the qualification handbook.

What's the next step?

For learners

In the first instance you need to contact a registered Assessment Centre who offers this qualification. To find your nearest centre, go to the City & Guilds website (www.cityandguilds.com). Click on the City & Guilds red car to stay on the City & Guilds site. Then select 'Learners' and then 'Adult learners'. Then select 'Land-based' from the drop down list on the right hand side. Follow the prompts through to the qualification that you are looking for. If you click on the qualification, you can then 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.

For centres

If you are an existing approved centre for other qualifications, you will need to complete a qualification approval form (City & Guilds NPTC's QAP). The cost of this is £200 and you should contact verification@nptc.org.uk. If you are not an approved centre and would like to become one, please contact City & Guilds NPTC who will guide you through the approval process. The cost for becoming an approved centre is £1500 and you should contact the City & Guilds NPTC Sales and Marketing Team.

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