CITY & GUILDS NPTC LEVEL 2 AWARD IN THE SAFE USE OF SHREDDERS IN AMENITY OPERATIONS (QCF) QAN 601/1289/X



QUALIFICATION GUIDANCE

Integrated Assessment

Essential Qualification Information

Not to be used by the Candidate during Assessment

You will require some of this information to accurately complete the Record of Assessment (ROA)

Qualification Group No	0 0 1 4	Machinery
Qualification Programme No	0 0 1 4 - 2 5	L2 Award in the Safe Use of Shredders in Amenity Operations
Unit(s)	2 0 1	Use and maintain chippers and/or shredders
Learning Time (LT)	2 0 1	LT 23 (3 Credits) (* see note on page 2)
Recommended Assessment Duration		1.5 – 3 hours per Candidate

City and Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Shredders in Amenity Operations (QCF) **Qualification guidance**

Introduction

The scheme will be administered by City & Guilds

City & Guilds will:

Publish - Scheme regulations

- Qualification guidance
- Training material
- Trainers support material

Approve centres to co-ordinate and administer the scheme Set standards for the training of verifiers and assessors Recruit, train and deploy verifiers Manage verification Issue certificates to successful Candidates

The Qualification

The qualification will be awarded to candidates who achieve the required level of competence in the units to which their certificate relates.

What is the Qualifications and Credits Framework?

OFQUAL have introduced the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) to increase flexibility for learners and employers. Qualifications may be built up from individual units according to rules of combination. The units are derived from the National Occupational Standards, which are compiled by Lantra SSC, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based industries.

Instruction

Attendance at a course of instruction is not a pre-requisite for an application for an assessment but potential Candidates are strongly advised to ensure that they are up to the standards that will be expected of them when they are assessed.

* Learning Time (LT)

Learning Time (LT) is a better indicator of the time requirement needed for a candidate to achieve competence in this qualification. It has replaced Guided Learning Hours (GLH) which are defined as "tutor or teacher led hours". LT is defined as "a notional measure of the learning time a typical learner might be expected to take to complete and achieve all learning outcomes". It takes into account prior learning and encompasses: formal learning (including classes, tutorials, on line tuition), coaching and mentoring, practical work, relevant IT activity, information retrieval, expected private study and revision, work-based activity which leads to assessment, practice to achieve competence, formative assessment, programme planning and feedback.

Access to Assessment

Assessment centres will be responsible for arranging assessment on behalf of the Candidate.

The minimum age limit for Candidates taking Certificates of Competence is 16 years. There is no upper age limit.

The assessment consists of one compulsory unit:

Unit 201 (Mandatory) (Credit Value 3)

> Be able to use and maintain chippers and/or shredders Outcome 1. Outcome 2. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage Outcome 3. Know how to use and maintain chippers and / or shredders

Outcome 4. Know the current health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Candidates must successfully achieve all assessment activities in the above unit.

There are no endorsements for this Award.

Quality Assurance

Verification is a process of monitoring assessment; it is an essential check to confirm that the assessment procedures are being carried out in the way City & Guilds has laid down. The overall aim of verification is to establish a system of quality assurance that is acceptable in terms of both credibility and cost effectiveness.

Approved Assessors will be subject to a regular visit by the verifier at a time when assessments are being undertaken.

A selection of assessment reports completed by the Assessor will be evaluated by a City & Guilds approved verifier.

Compliance with the verification requirements is a pre-requisite for Assessors remaining on the list of approved Assessors.

After assessment has been completed the Qualification Guidance is to be forwarded to the centre and retained by the centre until after the annual centre visit has taken place by a Quality Systems Consultant (QSC).

As part of the quality assurance process, a minimum of two observations are required to be undertaken for each qualification that is assessed by a Trainer/Assessor. These will be carried out by an internal Verifier appointed by the Centre. One observation will be conducted in the presence of the Quality Systems Consultant. In respect of risk management, there is an expectation that additional observations up to a maximum of four will be carried out for the inexperienced or newly qualified Trainer/Assessor or Assessors.

Performance Evaluation

The result of each assessment activity is evaluated against the following criteria:

- Met Meets or exceeds the assessment criteria by displaying a level of practical performance and/or underpinning knowledge. If the Criterion has been MET, a tick ☑ is to be put in the box provided in the bottom right-hand column of each section.
- NM = Not Met Does not satisfy the requirements of the assessment criteria, being unable to perform the practical task satisfactorily or safely or being deficient in underpinning knowledge. If the Criterion is NOT MET, a cross 🗵 is to be put in the box provided in the bottom right-hand column of each section.

Appeals and Equal Opportunities

Centres must have their own auditable, appeals procedures. If a Candidate is not satisfied with the examination conditions or a Candidate feels the opportunity for examination is being denied, the Centre Manager should, in the first instance, address the problem. If, however the problem cannot be resolved, City & Guilds will arbitrate and an external verifier may be approached to offer independent advice. All appeals must be clearly documented by the Centre Manager and made available to the external verifier or City & Guilds if advice is required.

Should occasions arise when centres are not satisfied with any aspect of the external verification process, they should contact Verification Services at City & Guilds.

Access to the qualification is open to all, irrespective of gender, race, creed, age or special needs. The Centre Manager should ensure that no learner is subjected to unfair discrimination on any grounds in relation to access to assessment and to the fairness of the assessment. QCA requires City & Guilds to monitor centres to check whether equal opportunities policies are being adhered to.

Validation of Equipment

A Manufacturer's instruction book or other operator's manual should be available. It is permissible for the Candidate to use this during formal assessment.

All equipment being used for this assessment must comply with the relevant requirements of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) 1998.

Vehicles must comply with Department of Transport and Road Traffic Acts where relevant.

Any appropriate item of machinery complying with legal requirements is acceptable for the assessment, provided it is suitably equipped for all assessment activities to be carried out.

Safe Practice

Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times.

The Assessor must ensure that a site specific risk assessment is carried out.

All equipment must be operated in such a way that the Candidate, Assessor, other persons, or other equipment are not endangered.

All ancillary equipment, when detached, must be safely parked.

Failure to operate safely and comply with these requirements will result in the Candidate not meeting the required standard.

Warning signs stating that an assessment is in progress should be available.

The Assessor may stop the assessment on the grounds of safety at any time at his/her discretion.

Before any assessments take place, Assessor & Candidate should be aware of any local or national issues to prevent breach of security, safety and any cross contamination or damage to the local environment.

A breach of Health and Safety that puts any person at risk during the assessment process will result in the assessment being terminated and the Candidate not meeting the required standard.

Additional Information

May be sought from the relevant manufacturer's operator manuals or any other appropriate training or safety publication.

Questions should be related to the background or employment aspirations of the candidate and, where possible, product labels used should be representative of products typically used in that sector or industry.

Candidates who undertake this assessment and have met the requirements are reminded of their legal obligation to receive/undertake appropriate additional training in the use of any equipment that differs from that used during the assessment, but which they are nevertheless qualified to use.

Assessment Guidance for the Trainer/Assessor

This qualification can be assessed by a Trainer who has trained the Candidate (a Trainer/Assessor) or by a third party (an Assessor) not directly involved with training of the Candidate providing they are suitably qualified and meet the requirements of the awarding body. Please see City & Guilds Centre Manual for guidance.

It is envisaged that assessment will be carried out after all of the training has been completed. However assessment may take place at intervals after each 'period' of training and may be effectively integrated into the training programme. The Candidate must be informed when assessment is taking place in terms of when formal assessment commences and when its ceases. It is not permissible to assess whilst training is being carried out. Assessment must be a separate activity.

Assessment Guidance for the Trainer/Assessor continued...

Trainer/Assessors are reminded that assessment is a formal process. Assessment must be carried out using the Qualification Guidance. All relevant assessment criteria must be assessed against the criteria as specified in the Qualification Guidance. Assessment will be carried out by direct observation and by oral questioning of the Candidate. Where a specific number of responses are required these may include other suitable answers not specified if they are deemed to be correct by the Assessor. The performance of the Candidate is to be recorded on the Qualification Guidance as directed by completing the tick boxes. Space has been provided on the Qualification Guidance for the person assessing to record relevant information which can be utilised to provide feedback to the Candidate. Trainer/Assessors are reminded that feedback from the Candidate is required on the Record of Assessment that is sent to City & Guilds as part of the quality assurance process. After assessment has been completed the assessment schedule is to be forwarded to the centre and retained by the centre until after the annual centre visit has taken place by a Quality Systems Consultant (QSC).

The Candidate may only have a maximum of 3 attempts. Re-assessment cannot take place until further training has been provided.

Assessment Guidance for Candidate

A list of registered assessment centres is available from City & Guilds Land Based Services. (www.nptc.org.uk)

Assessment is a process by which it is confirmed that the candidate is competent in the unit(s) within the award to which the assessment relates. It is the process of collecting evidence about the candidates capabilities and judging whether that evidence is sufficient to attribute competence.

The Candidate must be registered through the City & Guilds approved assessment centre for this qualification prior to the assessment.

The results of the assessment will be recorded on the Record of Assessment form (ROA).

The qualification guidance contains criteria relating to:

- Observation of practical performance
- Assessment of underpinning knowledge

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NOWIDER	Identify any problems with	The candidate is to identify	The candidate:	Α	В	C	ש
Unit 201 1.5	the shredder and take the correct action	any problems that occur with the shredder and to take appropriate action	identified a problem with the shredder and took appropriate action Or				
		Note to the Assessor: If no problems occur the Assessor	The candidate answered the question correctly				
		can ask one question based on a scenario	Met ✓ Not Met X				
Unit 201	Make sure that the shredder is in safe and	Candidate to carry out pre- start checks to the machine	These include:]	
	good working order	and describe what they are	all guards are in place and secure warning signs are visible				
1.1		looking for as this also satisfies criterion 3.3	 stop switch(s)/cut out devise(s) are operational 				
		All manufact	any other operation protection devises are				
		All required	operational • feed and discharge chutes are secure and in good				
			repair				
			controls are checked for function				
			any brakes, chocks, stabilisers or other security devises are checked				
			 inspecting the machine for signs of damage 				
			inspecting the machine for loose components, nut				
			and bolts				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
Unit 201	Set up and use the shredder in accordance	Candidate to state two factors to consider when	May include: maintaining good visibility when reversing/turning				
	with the manufacturer's	moving a shredder	 maintaining good visibility when reversing/turning ensuring machine does not tip over when moving 				
1.3	instructions and legal requirements		across slopes				
	•	Assessor to observe the	Moved in a safe manner:				
		candidate positioning the machine. Record n/a if any	controls used appropriately on self propelled				
		do not apply	machines machine moved under control				
		If the candidate does not	tractor or prime mover operated correctly to move				
		move a trailed or mounted	machine				
		machine as part of his/her normal duties they will not	trailed machine manoeuvred safely obstacles avoided				
		be required to do so in the assessment	 slopes negotiated safely 				
		Note to the Assessor: If the	These may include:				
		shredder is tracked the	ensure hydraulic fluid is at operating temperature				
		candidate is to state four additional safety precautions	before attempting manoeuvres				
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ensure ramps can support weight of machine avoid turning on ramps				
			avoid turning or ramps avoid turning on slopes				
			operator must be on higher side when ascending				
			or descending slopes additional care must be taken when climbing over				
			obstacles				
			chocks to be placed under tracks if stopped on a steep slope				
		The candidate is to check	Trailed machines:				
		that the machine is in a stable condition prior to operation	jockey wheel lowered or hitch on the vehicle checked for security				
		Note to the Assessor: To be	brakes, chocks, stabilisers applied as appropriate				
		assessed as per type of machine	turntable (if fitted) locked in position				
		madriilo	Mounted machines (Three Point linkage):				
			correctly attached via linkage arms and top link				
			machine aligned correctlyLynch pins secure				
			Stabilisers/check chains in place and secure				
Continued			PTO shaft secure, guards in place				

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	31.11.2 1.1	00.57.11.02	Tracked machines:			Ŭ	
Cont			tracks, rollers and sprockets are intact, tensioned and aligned correctly				
Unit 201			hydraulic levelling/widening is employed (as appropriate)				
1.3		The Candidate is required to	Checked that:				
		check that feed and	machine is stable				
		discharge chutes are correctly set (as applicable to	machine is positioned at an appropriate distance from hazards				
		the machine) to avoid injury from flying debris	feed chute is correctly set				
		l	discharge chute is correctly set				
			discharge chute is not obstructed				
		The Candidate is required to test start the machine and	The following were checked (as appropriate to the machine):				
		carry out safety checks (as	safe starting location selected				
		appropriate to the machine) This also satisfies criteria	bystanders at a safe distance				
		3.3	visual checks completed				
			machine started in accordance with manufacturers instructions				
			throttle adjusted to achieve working speed				
			operator protection mechanism checked for correct operation				
			emergency stop control checked for operation				
			shredder stopped, key removed (if applicable)				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
Unit 201	Work in a way which maintains Health and	Candidate to state three reasonable precautions to	These may include:	l _	_	_	
Omit 201	Safety and is consistent	take when working in areas to	authorities informed before work commences warning signs erected				
2.1	with current legislation, Codes of Practice and any	which the public has access	warning signs erectedhigh visibility clothing worn by operators				
	additional requirements		exclusion zone set up				
			other member of staff posted to keep bystanders at safe distance				
		Candidate to state three					
		ways to reduce the effect of	This may include: avoid operation in enclosed spaces				
		noise during operation	operators to wear suitable ear protection				
			rotation of operators				
			avoid working in front of input chute				
			 have an adequate exclusion zone for bystanders/ members of the public 				
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		Candidate to describe how they can maintain personal	This includes: reducing material to manageable proportions				
		safety during shredding	using correct manual handling techniques				
		activities. All required	ensuring that material does not contain foreign				
			objects				
			not placing hand or feet into the input chute				
		Candidate to state five types of material that require	This may include:				
		particular care and suitable	 contaminated material (human/animal waste, needles, litter and other debris) – do not process, 				
		control measures to reduce the risk of injury	additional precautions may need to be taken				
		and new or angery	according to Risk Assessment brittle material shattering – wear suitable PPE to				
			avoid injury bent/twisted material can move violently – be				
			aware and take additional care material can catch on clothing dragging the				
			operator or causing injury – be aware of the additional hazards, take greater care when handling				
Continued			dry decomposing material may produce dust or fungal spores – wear dust mask or breathing protection				
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Cont Unit 201			thorny material may cause puncture injuries – wear additional heavy duty hand arm and face protection				
2.1			toxic or irritant plant saps may cause blistering of skin or irritation – ensure all part of the body are covered by work clothing, cloves and face/eye protection are worn				
		The Candidate to be	The candidate worked in a way which:				
		observed during the operation of the machine	maintained the Candidates Health and Safety and that of others				
			complied with current legislation complied with current Codes of Practice and any				
			other additional requirements				
			In addition: • feeding area was kept clear of other persons				
			engine speed was maintained at the optimum				
			operator stood at one side when feeding the machine				
			no part of the body entered the machine at any time				
			a push stick was used only when appropriate				
			the machine was stopped safely				
			blockages cleared only when all moving parts were stationary and it was safe to do so				
		The candidate is to leave the	The candidate:				
		site in a suitable condition after operation	left the site clean and tidy Or				
			as specified by the Assessor				
			Met ✓ Not Met X	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
Unit 201	Describe how environmental damage can	Candidate to outline how with environmental damage	May include: use of bio fuel/oils				
4.2	be minimised	can be avoided by adopting good practice	using a spill kit to deal with any accidental spillage carrying out clearance with consideration to the				
			needs of wildlife				
			composting of arisings on site				
			Met ✓ Not Met X	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
Unit 201	Carry out work in a manner which minimises	The candidate to three five possible environmental	Environmental considerations may include:				
Offic 201	environmental damage	considerations	a fire hazard from piles of shredded material blocking of drains and water sources from				
2.2			blocking of drains and water courses from inappropriate discharge				
			inappropriate discharge against fences and hedges				
			inappropriate discharge over plants and against trees				
		Candidate to be observed	The candidate:			-	
		during the operation of the machine	carried out all work in a manner which minimised environmental damage				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Dispose of waste safely	Candidate to state two	Waste disposed of:				一
Unit 201	and correctly	requirements for waste	safely				
2.3		disposal	correctly, in line with legal and organisational requirements				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				\Box

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Unit 201	Clean and store the equipment correctly after use	Candidate to clean and store the machine after use	the machine stored in an appropriate place after use				
1.6		Candidate is to state two	May include, to:				
		advantages of regularly cleaning the machine after	prevent corrosion				
		use	facilitate maintenance and adjustments				
			prevent personal contamination				
		Candidate to state two	May include:				
		factors to consider when	using appropriate PPE				
		cleaning the machine Note to the Assessor:	 removing unwanted residues using an appropriate method, which may include: 				
		storage my not be practical if	 compressed air 				
		the machine is to be re-used	 hose and water 				
		after assessment, in which case mark as n/a	brush				
		case mark as IVa	 waste disposed off in line with company policy, environmental good practice and any legislative requirements 				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				

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Candidate B	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓		
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Candidate C	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓		
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Candidate D	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓		
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	oserved an assessment process taking place and I am satisfied the I that the judgement of the Assessor was appropriate.	at the a	ssessment was conducted in line with the qualification requirements	Tick ✓		
I observed an assessment process taking place. The following were noted as areas of concern.						
Signed: Date:						