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QUALIFICATION FACTSHEET

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QCF Qualification	Credit	GLH	QAN	City & Guilds number	Code	Pre-requisites	Replaces
City & Guilds NPTC Level 2							
Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance#	2	15	600/6160/1	0020-01* 0020-09	A	None	CS30.1
Level 2 Award in Cross-cut Timber Using a Chainsaw#	1	8	600/6428/6	0020-02	B	A	CS30.2
Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Crosscutting#	3	23	600/6161/3	0020-03	C	None	CS30.1, CS30.2
Level 2 Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm	3	23	600/6162/5	0020-04	D	(A+B) or C	CS31
Level 2 Award in Branch Removal and Breakdown of a Crown	2	15	600/6303/8	0020-05	E	(A+B) or C	CS37
Level 2 Award in Safe Use of a Powered Pole Pruner	2	15	600/6417/1	0020-06* 0020-10	F	None	CS48
Level 2 Award in Accessing a Tree Using a Rope and Harness	3	22	600/6164/9	0020-07	G	None	CS38.1
Level 2 Award in Supporting Colleagues Undertaking Off Ground Tree Related Operations	3	23	600/6435/3	0020-08* 0020-11	H	(A+B) or C	CS45
Level 2 Award in Ground Based Chainsaw Operations (maintenance, cross cutting and fell up to 380mm)	6	46	500/7727/2	0020-12	J	None	CS30.1, CS30.2, CS31
Level 2 Award in Tree Climbing and Rescue	6	41	600/6620/9	0020-13	K	None	CS38.1, CS38.2
City & Guilds NPTC Level 3							
Level 3 Award in Felling and Processing Trees Over 380mm	3	19	600/6163/7	0021-01* 0021-11	L	(A+B) or C, + D	CS32
Level 3 Award in Severing Uprooted or Windblown Trees Using a Chainsaw	4	26	600/6430/4	0021-02	M	(A+B) or C, + D + L	CS34 and CS35
Level 3 Award in Assisted Fell Operations	3	19	600/6429/8	0021-03	N	(A+B) or C, + D + L	New Qualification
Level 3 Award in Preparing and Agreeing Emergency Treework Operations	5	33	600/6123/6	0021-04* 0021-12	P	None	New Qualification
Award in Emergency Treework Operations	5	33	600/6437/7	0021-05	Q	(A+B) or C, + D	CS50
Award in Aerial Tree Rescue Operations	3	19	600/6292/7	0021-06	R	G	CS38.2
Award in Aerial Tree Pruning	3	19	600/6431/6	0021-07* 0021-13	S	(A+B) or C, + D + G + T	CS40
Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free-fall Techniques	3	13	600/6621/0	0021-08	T	(A+B) or C, + D + G + R	CS39
Award in Aerial Tree Rigging	3	19	600/6498/5	0021-09	U	(A+B) or C, + D + G + R + T	CS41
Award in Installation and Maintenance of Structural Tree Supports	4	26	600/6436/5	0021-10* 0021-14	V	(A+B) or C, + D + G + R	New Qualification

* Integrated Assessment qualification numbers.

Mandatory qualifications: 0020-01/09 and 0020-02 or 0020-03

Qualification Aim	Qualification levels and definition	Progression routes
These practical qualifications provide the knowledge, skills and understanding, valued by employers, enabling learners to work within the forestry and arboriculture industry.	The mandatory qualifications are essential pre-requisites to many other qualifications at both level 2 and 3. The range of qualifications allows learners to progress from basic skill levels and knowledge within ground and aerial units.	The mandatory qualifications are needed to enter the industry. Learners can progress from Level 2 to Level 3.

Key Features		Key Benefits
Structure	There are 13 Chainsaw qualifications in the level 2 suite and 14 qualifications at level 3. Credit values range from 1 to 6 credits.	<p>The mandatory qualifications are the benchmark for those wishing to enter the industry. The structure allows the learner to choose optional qualifications to acquire the specialist skills and knowledge for their job.</p> <p>Level 3 qualifications provide learners with the opportunity for career progression.</p>
Assessment	Practical Assessment with one to one questioning. Independent Assessment will be available for all qualifications within the suite of qualifications. There is a choice of assessment method for certain Qualifications. This means that Independent and Integrated Assessment will be available for some qualifications. Integrated Assessment is available for qualifications where the activity is designated 'lower risk'.	<p>Assessment is flexible to provide choice. Some qualifications have the choice of either Independent Assessment or Integrated Assessment.</p> <p>A robust, supportive, Quality Assurance process underpins all qualifications and assessment methods.</p>
Support	Resources include Qualifications Guidance for each qualification. There are flexible support materials for tutors which include free of charge PowerPoints and worksheets which are available to download. There are also text books available for purchase, Working with Chainsaws Basic Part 1 and Working with Chainsaws Advanced Part 2.	Easy to read Qualification Guidance providing detailed information for each qualification, produced by City & Guilds in collaboration with industry experts. Tutor support materials encourage consistent training across the industry and pioneering learner workbooks to engage learners.

Additional Qualifications

The following qualifications may also be of interest to you if you work in the land based industry.

QCF Qualification	Scheme	Level	GLH	QAN
Certificate of Competence in Brushcutting Operations	ABC02	2	18	100/1685/5
Certificate of Competence in Manually Fed Wood Chippers	0305-09	2	9	500/4243/9
Certificate of Competence in Stump Grinding Operations	ASG02	2	9	100/1681/8
Certificate of Competence in Forestry Machine Operations	AFM006	2	90+	100/1627/2
Certificate of Competence in Thorough Inspection of Arboricultural Equipment	XARB03	3	N/A	N/A
Certificate of Competence in Utility Arboriculture	AUA10	3	N/A	N/A

Reasons to choose City & Guilds	
Quality	Choose an Awarding Organisation that understands your needs without compromising on Quality.
Market Leader	City & Guilds is the market leader in vocational education and recognises the value of industry standard certification.
Recognition by industry experts	City & Guilds NPTC are the global benchmark for the land based industry. Our qualifications provide learners with the passport to employment.

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✓ BREADTH AND QUALITY ✓ SPECIALIST SKILLS FOR LICENCE TO PRACTICE QUALIFICATIONS

✓ CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) REGISTERS