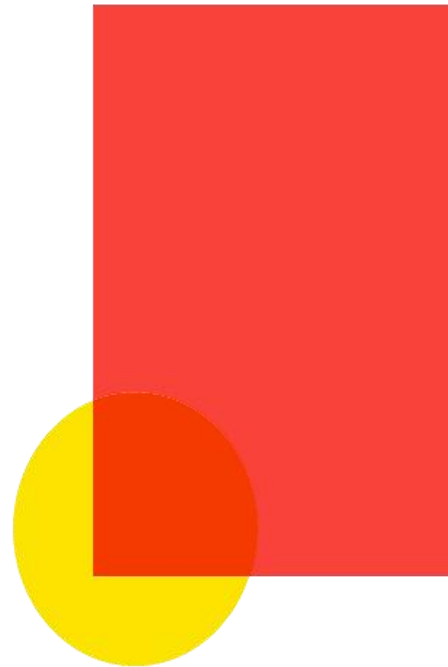




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A newsletter from City & Guilds on professional and technical education and skills in the land-based sector for all nations.

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Introduction

What's the purpose...

This newsletter is aimed at helping our valued land-based contacts to navigate policy and related changes within the skills arena and to also provide an evolving resource to keep updated with City & Guilds products, services and support.

Although principally targeted at employers and industry, this may be of use to training providers and other City & Guilds customers.

Current qualifications

Technical Qualifications

City & Guilds have 16 qualifications available for delivery across Key Stage 4 and 5, some of which also have pathways to allow candidates to develop specialised knowledge and skills:

Key Stage 4 (KS4) - Level 2

0170-20 (601/7240/X) Level 2 Technical Award in Land Based Studies

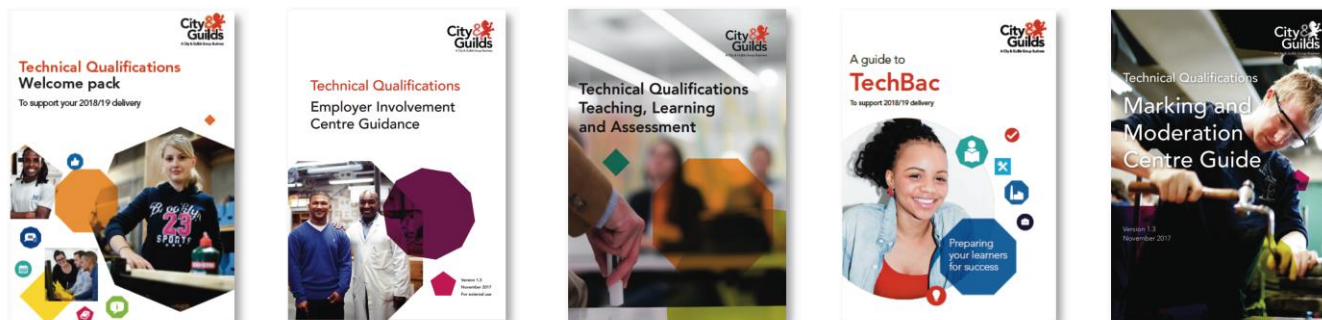
Key Stage 5 (KS5) - Level 2

0171-20 (603/0067/X) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agriculture
0172-21 (603/0833/3) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care
0172-26 (603/0834/5) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care
0175-20 (603/0839/4) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry
0174-21 (603/1175/7) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry & Arboriculture
0174-20 (603/0868/0) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture
0173-20 (603/1198/8) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife
0171-28 (603/0145/4) Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land-based Engineering

Key Stage 5 - Level 3

0171-30 (601/7448/1) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Agriculture (360)
0171-31 (601/7452/3) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540)
0171-32 (601/7451/1) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (720)
0171-33 (601/7459/6) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture (1080)
0172-30 (601/7518/7) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management (360)
0172-31 (601/7520/5) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)
0172-32 (601/7550/3) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)
0172-33 (601/7549/7) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)
0172-35 (601/7184/4) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management (360)
0172-36 (601/7185/6) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)
0172-37 (601/7186/8) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)
0172-38 (601/7187/X) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)
0174-30 (601/7453/5) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Horticulture (360)
0174-31 (601/7456/0) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture (540)
0174-32 (601/7455/9) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (720)
0174-33 (601/7454/7) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture (1080)
0175-30 (601/7444/4) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry (540)
0173-30 (601/7557/6) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife Management (360)
0173-31 (601/7558/8) Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (540)
0173-32 (601/7565/5) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (720)
0172-37 (601/7564/3) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (1080)
0174-35 (601/7507/2) Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Forestry & Arboriculture (360)
0174-38 (601/7517/5) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture (1080)
0171-38 (601/7463/8) Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land-based Engineering (1080)

There is a range of support materials available on the City & Guilds website.



UCAS Points

All City & Guilds Level 3 Technical Qualifications carry UCAS points to support successful individuals with progression onto higher education.

Grade	Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate (360)	Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma (540)	Level 3 Advanced Extended Technical Diploma (720)	Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)
Distinction*	56	84	112	168
Distinction	48	72	96	144
Merit	32	48	64	96
Pass	16	24	32	48

For further information visit:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/techbac/technical-qualifications#quals>

We're launching a Grade Prediction Calculator which will be available on the City & Guilds website and support centres to identify the likely final grade and associated UCAS points which individual learners will achieve at the end of their study programme

Qualification funding

The definitive public source of information on individual learning aims/qualification funding is **The Hub**.

In December 2018, the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) announced a funding change resulting from their Review of 16-19 study Programmes.

The funding change they proposed, which would have been introduced from 1st August 2019, was that students with prior attainment in English and Maths at Grade 4, or above that undertake a vocational qualification, would not be expected to be on an Entry Level or Level 1 core aim, even if they had no previous experience in the vocational area – they should undertake a core aim at Level 2 or above, except in exceptional circumstances.

However, recently the ESFA have announced that after consultation with the sector they won't introduce the new funding rule but will consult further and decide whether to introduce the change in 2020/2021 instead.

You can sign up for funding updates on the City & Guilds **website**.

Qualification Developments

7457 Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing

City & Guilds is currently redeveloping the Level 3 Diploma to align with the current Day One standards and the Veterinary Nurse apprenticeship standard in England which is approved for delivery. This redevelopment includes an Equine specific qualification, in addition to Small Animals. The assessment will continue to use the OSCE, thereby meeting the requirements of the apprenticeship assessment plan. The redeveloped Diploma will then be submitted to RCVS for accreditation. Dependent on the outcome of this submission to the RCVS, City & Guilds will be in a position to clarify becoming an approved end-point assessment organisation for the Veterinary Nurse standard.

Qualification Updates

7863-03 Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming – Synoptic Assignment

As part of the assessment strategy for the 7863-03 qualification, every January a new synoptic assignment will be published for centres to use. The assignment for 2019 is now on the website for use in 2019. Candidates should not be allowed to attempt the tasks until the end of their programme of study when they are in a position to undertake them successfully. The tasks should be undertaken as a cohesive summative activity within a reasonable confined timescale. Centres should ensure that candidates are being assessed using the current assessment. This is the published assessment version on the date of the assessment, rather than the version available on the date the candidate started the course.

Qualification Extensions & Withdrawals

We are going to be shortly reviewing current qualification registration end dates and will communicate any significant changes in the next edition of *All About Land*.

Functional Skills Reforms

The reformed Functional Skills qualifications will be available for teaching with effect from September 2019. To find out what this means for your apprentices, join our monthly webinars to keep up to date.

Visit the City & Guilds Functional Skills **webpage** for further information and the link to register for the webinars.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship standards were introduced by the government, with a shift in control to employers. The new apprenticeship standards are written and developed by employer-led groups (originally known as 'Trailblazer Groups') who select the knowledge, skills and behaviours associated with a specific job role. Further information, such as the potential maximum funding available and the contact details for the employer group can be found on the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education **website**.

Note: These apprenticeship Standards are only applicable in England. Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales continue to offer their existing apprenticeship frameworks.

Trailblazer Tracker

This table aims to show the current progress associated with the different apprenticeship Standards either in development, or approved for delivery.

Note: it is the individual employer who selects the end-point assessment organization, not the training provider. City & Guilds EPA pricing is openly available on our website for employers to see

Occupation	Approved for development	Standard published	Approved for delivery	City & Guilds approved to offer EPA
Advanced Golf Greenkeeper	▲	▲		
Animal Care & Welfare Assistant	▲	▲	▲	
Animal Trainer	▲	▲		
Arborist	▲	▲	▲	▲
Conservator	▲			
Countryside Worker	▲			
Crop Technician	▲	▲	▲	
Ecologist	▲			
Environmental manager	▲			
Equine Groom	▲	▲	▲	
Farrier	▲	▲		
Florist	▲			
Forest Operative	▲	▲	▲	▲
Golf Course Manager	▲	▲		
Golf Greenkeeper	▲	▲	▲	▲
Groomer	▲			
Historic environment practitioner	▲			
Landscape/Horticulture Operative	▲	▲	▲	▲
Landscape/Horticulture Supervisor	▲	▲		
Land-based Service Engineering Technician	▲	▲	▲	▲
Land-based Service Engineer	▲	▲	▲	▲
Packhouse Team Leader	▲	▲	▲	
Pest Control Technician	▲			
Poultry Technician	▲	▲	▲	
Poultry Worker	▲	▲	▲	
Resource operative	▲			
Resource Technical Manager	▲			
Saddler	▲	▲		
Senior Equine Groom	▲	▲	▲	
Skilled Fencer	▲			
Sports Turf Operative	▲	▲	▲	
Stockperson	▲	▲	▲	
Underkeeper	▲			
Veterinary Nurse	▲	▲	▲	

Our apprenticeship end-point assessment (EPA) offer

City & Guilds is on the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) **register** as approved to offer End-point Assessment for the following Apprenticeship standards in England:

- Arborist,
- Forest Operative,
- Golf Greenkeeper,
- Horticulture/ Landscape Operative (Level 2),
- Land-based Service Engineer (Level 2),
- Land-based Service Engineering Technician (Level 3).

Employers and training providers can find more information on our dedicated **webpages**.

Withdrawal of apprenticeship frameworks

The government has **confirmed** the move from apprenticeship frameworks to standards in England by 2020. This means that the last date for any apprentices to start the remaining live apprenticeship frameworks will be 31st July 2020. However, the Issuing Authority still has the power to withdraw frameworks when they believe they are no longer needed.

Framework name	ESFA Framework number	Issuing Authority	Sector Subject Area	Withdrawal date	Framework level/s				
					2	3	4	5	6
Agriculture	528	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X	X		
Animal Care	439	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Animal Technology	598	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	01-Dec-16	X				
Environmental Conservation	524	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Equine	511	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Fariery	526	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20		X			
Fish Husbandry and Fish Management	568	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	01-Dec-16	X				
Fencing	530	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Floristry	523	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Game and Wildlife Management	438	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Horticulture	527	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Land-based Engineering	525	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Nursing Assistants in a Veterinary Environment	569	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X				
Trees and Timber	531	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20	X	X			
Veterinary Nursing	529	Lantra	Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	31-Jul-20		X			

Recruitment



Become an independent end-point assessor



City & Guilds are now recruiting for independent end-point assessors (IEPA) for Level 2 and 3 Land-based Engineering End-point Assessments. We are offering assessment covering all five pathways within both standards, so looking to recruit appropriately qualified and experienced engineers from the following specialisms:

- Agricultural machinery
- Fixed plant
- Groundcare machinery
- Forest Machinery
- Construction plant

If anyone would like to apply to be a City & Guilds Lead Independent End-point Assessor (LIEPA) or an Independent End-point Assessor (IEPA) for:

- Level 2 Land-based Service Engineer
- Level 3 Land-based Service Engineering Technician.

We are also still recruiting for IEPAs for:

- Arborist
- Forest Operative
- Horticulture/ Landscape Operative
- Golf Greenkeeper

Please go to our recruitment **webpage**; there is generic information, video, application form and associated documents towards the bottom of the page. All applications need to be emailed to: **associate.epa@cityandguilds.com**

When you join you'll take part in introductory training sessions along with other Assessors, to make sure you feel informed on everything from our structure, policy and procedures, through to the regulatory requirements. You'll have on-going help and support through a range of updates, webinars and briefings, making sure you are kept up-to-date with End-point Assessment requirements.

For more information on the role, including how to apply, please visit this **webpage**.

Digital credentials

Recently we have issued digital credentials to individuals associated with both the NRoSO Advisory Board and the NPTC Fund Advisory Group.



What's the benefits of a digital credential?

- Safe and secure format, more flexible and trusted than paper
- Help learners stand out from the crowd
- Tells the story behind the achievement – there is information 'behind' the badge
- Verified attainment of learning

We can offer this facility to organisations and business to recognize achievement or status, through digitalme, which is part of the City & Guilds Group.



If you are interested in finding out more, please visit the digitalme **website**.

Update on government reforms

Institute of Apprenticeships (IfA) has changed its name

The IfA has just recently changed its name to become the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. This is to reflect the responsibility it now has for technical education and in particular the T-Levels.

Membership of T level panels for 2022 and 2023 delivery

At the end of September, the Department for Education announced the membership of the panels responsible for developing the outline content for the new “Agriculture, environmental and animal care” T Level route. T Levels are 2-year technical study programmes for 16- to 19-year-olds that include a qualification and an industry placement; they are based upon the same occupational standards developed by employers as part of the Institute of Apprenticeships. These panels are made up of employers, representatives from professional bodies and training providers, and their membership can be found [here](#).

Agriculture, Land Management and Production panel

Dr Steve Dowbiggin (Chair)	Director of Dowbiggin Associates Ltd and former Principal of Capel Manor College
Tracey Langton-Ballard	Partner, Crowfield Farm
Sadie Watson	Project Officer, Museum of London Archaeology
Peter Arrand	Operations Manager, RBM Agriculture Ltd
Simon Cox	Director, Independent Arboriculture & Urban Forestry
Matthew Rodenhurst	Programme Area Manager, Harper Adams University
John Cappalonga	Horticulturalist & Agronomist Director, Gee Vee Enterprises
Suzanne Moss	Head of Education and Learning, Royal Horticulture Society
David Kirschner	Consultant to the Land-based Engineering Industry

Animal Care and Management panel

Vicky Skinner (Chair)	Education Manager, Pet Industry Federation
Karen Raine	Managing Director, Country Farm Stud Ltd
Jessica Berry	Head of Animal Management Faculty, Hadlow College
Joanne Needham	Professional Development Manager, Royal Society of Biology
Stephen Goward	Development Manager, Dogs Trust
Vicky May	Animal Director - Hartpury College

News & Events

Princess Royal Training Awards

City & Guilds are delighted to announce that applications are open for the 2019 Princess Royal Training Awards.

The Awards are open to any private, public or not-for-profit organisation operating in the UK regardless of size or sector. You just need to be able to prove that your outstanding training and skills development programmes have resulted in exceptional benefits for your organisation.

Applying for a Princess Royal Training Award will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on what you have achieved through your investment in training. We provide one-to-one support through the application process and all applicants receive detailed and tailored written feedback on their application, which has been described as 'free consultancy'.

The first stage of the application process is to complete and submit an application form. If your application meets the criteria we will visit your organisation to hear more about your achievements. The Princess Royal Training Awards Commission will make the final decision about which organisations meet the Award's standard of excellence.

We want to support you through the application process and are running a number of free webinars and workshops across the UK. Feedback has shown that applicants who attend a workshop or webinar session are more likely to achieve the Award standard. To book your workshop slot please click [here](#)

Applications are until 29 March 2019. To find out more click [here](#)

Farmers Guardian

The newspaper has produced a Skills and Training Magazine - a guide to planning for the future, which is sponsored by the Co-op. City & Guilds is mentioned in the "Go to" guide on education and training. To find out more click [here](#)

Use of the City & Guilds logo

Centres can display the City & Guilds approved Centre logo, to obtain this please email logo@cityandguilds.com along with your centre number and name.

The City & Guilds Qualified logo is also available to learners who have achieved a Level 2 City & Guilds (including NPTC) qualification or higher. The logo includes a descriptor that shows the level of the qualification achieved.

The level descriptor is a recent addition that safeguards consumers against the level of expertise they can expect to receive from a contractor as well as allowing learners to become more competitive by completing qualifications of a higher level. Find out more click [here](#)

Keep in touch and up-to-date

Certificates of Competence /Licence to Practice

These are marketed under our 'NPTC' banner and only available through a network of Assessment Centres. Individual qualification handbooks and further details on these qualifications can be found on the NPTC website www.nptc.org.uk

All queries should be directed to the team based in our Stareton Office:

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Tel: 02476 857300
Email: information@cityandguilds.com

Tell us what you think

All About Land is a newsletter that brings together all of the key developments from City & Guilds relevant to land-based skills, training and assessment across England, Scotland Northern Ireland and Wales. It contains updates on the range of teaching and learning resources we offer, plus relevant public policy or other information we think you might be interested in.

Each edition is numbered, so we can refer back to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded.

If there's anything else you'd particularly like us to cover or explain more fully in future issues of *All About*, please feel free to drop us a line to land.feedback@cityandguilds.com

For specific queries and enquiries, please contact our dedicated customer support team:
PDCustomerSupport@cityandguilds.com

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Annex 1 – Fast links to our products and services

Level	VRQs	Technicals	Apprenticeships	More about 14-19 TechBac More about apprenticeships
L4+	0344 Floristry (L4 & L5)		0097 in Agricultural Business Management (L4)	
3	7863 in Dog grooming (L3) 7547 in Veterinary nursing (L3) 0018 CoTC in Risk Assessment (L3) 0101 in Saddlery (L3)	Advanced Technicals 0171 in Agriculture and Land-based Engineering 0172 in Animal Care and Equine 0173 in Land & Wildlife Management 0174 in Horticulture and Forestry & Arboriculture 0175 in Floristry	Frameworks 0066 in Work based Agriculture (L3) 0067 in Work based Animal Care (L3) 0069 in Work based Game and Wildlife (L3) 0070 in Work based Environmental Conservation (L3) 0071 in Work based Horse care (L3) 0068 in Work based Floristry (L3) 0083 in Work based Trees and Timber (L3) 0065 in Work based Horticulture (L3) 0059 in Work based Land-based service engineering (L3) Standards Land-based Service Engineering Technician (L3)	Other Services: ILM Kineo Employer Solutions Digital Me Learning Assistant SmartScreen
2	7763 in Dog grooming (L2) 0448 in Veterinary care assistants(L2) 0146 CoTCs in Dog walking; pet sitting; Animal nutrition; and Animal health, husbandry and handling (L2) 0145 CoTCs in Problematic plants, pests, weeds and diseases; and Pruning (L2) 0018 CoTC in Health and safety (L2) 0411 in Live quarry shooting (L2) 0101 in Saddlery (L2) 8485 in Forgework (L2) 7573 in Practical Horticultural skills (L2) 0082 in Gardening (L2)	Technical Certificates 0171 in Agriculture and Land-based Engineering 0172 in Animal Care and Equine 0173 in Land & Wildlife Management 0174 in Horticulture and Forestry & Arboriculture 0175 in Floristry Technical Award 0170 in Land Based Studies	Frameworks 0066 in Work based Agriculture (L2) 0067 in Work based Animal Care (L2) 0069 in Work based Game and wildlife (L2) 0070 in Work based Environmental Conservation (L2) 0071 in work based Horse care (L2) 0068 in Work based Floristry (L2) 0083 in Work based Trees and Timber (L2) 0065 in Work based Horticulture (L2) 0059 in Work based Land based service engineering (L2) Standards Arborist (L2) Forest Operative (Establishment and Maintenance) (L2) Forest operative (Harvesting (L2) Golf Greenkeeper (L2) Horticultural Operative (L2)	Related Products: NPTC Certificates of competence and proficiency qualifications 0020 Forestry & Arboriculture; and Forest Machine Operations (L2) 0021 Forestry & Arboriculture (L3) Utility Arboriculture (L3) 0018 Health & Safety (L2) 0141 Livestock; and animal transport (L2) Cattle foot trimming (L3) Veterinary medicines (L2 & L3) 0014 Machinery operation (L2) 0216 Pesticide application and pest control (L2) 0216 Responsible pesticide management (L3) MEWP and Plant machinery operation (L2)

			Landscape Operative (L2) Land-based Service Engineer (L2)	
1	0361 in Land Based Studies (L1) 0072 in Land Based Operations (L1) 7477 in Equine Skills (L1) 7573 in Practical Horticultural Skills (L1)		0066 in Work based Agriculture (L1) 0067 in Work based Animal Care (L1) 0071 in Work based Horse Care (L1) 0071 in Work based Horse Care (L1) 0065 in work based Horticulture (L1)	Land-based Industries: Agriculture Animal Management Environment, Countryside and Conservation Equine Floristry Forestry and Arboriculture Horticulture Land Based Engineering
Entry	4807 in Skills for working life (E2/3)			Quality Assurance: Becoming a centre