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500/8575/X City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture

OVERVIEW

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career within the agricultural industry.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to do work experience in the agricultural industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

What does this qualification cover?

There are two compulsory topics that you will need to complete:

- undertake work-related experience in the land-based industries
- environmental and land-based business.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include areas such as:

- introduction to crop establishment
- introduction to farm animal production
- introduction to the principles of land-based machinery
- introduction to animal and plant husbandry
- assist with agricultural crop production
- assist with agriculture habitat management
- introduction to dairy and beef cattle husbandry
- introduction to sheep husbandry
- conservation and improvement of British habitats.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for training on the job or specialist further study.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- arable farm
- livestock farm
- mixed farm.

You could get a job working as a:

- arable farm worker
- assistant stockman assistant herdsman
- contract worker
- trainee fieldsman
- egg collector
- livestock technician.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You could progress to other qualifications in Agriculture at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Agriculture (which could be taken alone or as part of an Apprenticeship).

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Agriculture: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by the National Farmers Union.

THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.

For further information on this qualification please go to:

http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land_Based_Services/Agriculture/0073/0073_Level_2/Centre_documents/0073-02_Qualification_handbook_v3.pdf