

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 4 Diploma in Work-based Agricultural Management 600**/**2842**/**7**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
What does this qualification cover?	This qualification covers all the skills and underpinning knowledge that you would need in order to work proficiently within agricultural management.
	The qualification consists of 6 compulsory topics (from a wide range) that could include:
	 Develop and implement plans for the storage and disposal of inorganic waste
	 Farm environmental planning, management and monitoring
	 Plan, manage and evaluate breeding programmes
	 Plan and manage the health and welfare of livestock
	Plan, monitor and evaluate the management of crops
	 Plan and manage the harvesting, transportation and storage of crops
	Then you need to take 6 options from a further range that could include:
	 Commission, monitor and evaluate contract work for the land-based sector
	 Manage own professional development in an organisation
	 Produce a plan for your business
	 Make changes to improve a business
	 Improve the Financial Performance of a Business
	 Manage physical resources
	For further information on the structure and the units that must be taken, please refer to the learner guide on the website:
	http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and- apprenticeships/land-based-services/agriculture/0097- workbased-agriculture#tab=documents

You need to be at least 18 to take this qualification.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

You will need to have achieved a Level 3 qualification in Agriculture or similar subject before taking this qualification.

There are no other work-based qualifications in Agriculture at Level 4.

This is a specialist vocational farm management qualification which includes a significant level of learning practical skills.

You would chose this qualification if you wished to progress your career into more senior roles in farming industries.

Alternatives routes to achieve the same outcome?

You could take this qualification as part of a Higher Level Apprenticeship.

However, if you are not eligible, you could apply for an Adult Learning Loan.

How this qualification supports the identified outcome(s)?

In order to take this qualification, you will need to either already be in farm management, or aspiring to be so. It aims to develop management skills through the business in which you are employed and therefore the choice of units will reflect the work that you do and the occupation/position that you are progressing towards.

The qualification could allow you to progress to a more responsible position, either within the business that you are employed, or for another farming business.

For example, you may progress from Herdsperson to Herd Manager, employee to Farm Partner, or perhaps Operations Manager to Farm Manager.

There are no other similar qualifications available.

You could to go onto to study a degree in Agricultural Management or similar qualification.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

This qualification is supported by the National Farmers Union (NFU). The NFU represents over 55,000 farmers and growers in England and Wales.

The following providers also fully support the qualification:

- Hartpury College
- Myerscough College
- Sparsholt College