

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Agriculture 601/7448/1**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work in agriculture. It provides you with the core practical skills and knowledge which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the agricultural industry.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification enables you to gain the core skills and knowledge required for working in a farming environment. Sound practical skills are really important for working in agriculture as you will be required to work with animals, crops and machinery. You will learn safe working practices, how to operate a range of agricultural machinery and estate maintenance skills such as fencing. You will also learn about crop production, plant and soil science and livestock husbandry.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will 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 gaining employment in the agricultural industry or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>You might progress into work as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General farm worker • Agricultural technician • Apprentice in a farm business
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	<p>This qualification is typically delivered alongside other qualifications such as GCSEs, AS or A Levels. It provides an introduction to the core skills and knowledge required to enter employment in the agricultural industry and opens first steps to a career in working in farming. Working in agriculture requires hard physical work, long hours and dedication and these core skills could set you off on your career.</p> <p>City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Agriculture: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).</p> <p>You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry.</p>

The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider agricultural sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture, which allows you to combine working on a farm with typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution. You could take a course such as an Agriculture Foundation Degree.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

The National Farmers Union
The British Growers Association
Upper Booth Farm

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.
