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Level 2 and 3 Certificates in Health and Safety (Agriculture & Horticulture)

Centres' Information Sheet

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About the Qualification

Agriculture and horticulture have one of the worst accident and occupational ill-health records of any major employment sector. Casualties include children and other members of the public, as well as agricultural and horticultural workers. This progressive suite of qualifications has been developed to help address the issues and make the sectors a safer environment in which to live and work. These qualifications have the full backing of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) who have identified agriculture and horticulture as a priority area for improvement. They have also been developed with and endorsed by the National Farmers Union and the Transport and General Workers Union.

Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely in Agriculture/Horticulture is for anybody working in the sector.

Level 3 Certificate in Controlling Risks to Health & Safety in Agriculture/Horticulture is for supervisors, skilled employees, unit managers, union and worker safety representatives, and farmers/growers who are self employed.

Key Points

- These qualifications are eligible for UK funding and the guided learning hours are:
Level 2 : 20 guided learning hours
Level 3 : 30 guided learning hours
- They are aimed at candidates:-
 - who are working in the agricultural and/or horticultural sector
 - who have an understanding of the agricultural/horticultural sector and wish to progress into a related career
 - who wish to develop their health & safety knowledge in the industry sectors
 - who wish to add to their Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- The level 2 certificate is available to candidates aged 14 years and above. The level 3 certificate is available to candidates aged 16 and above
- There are no formal prerequisites for the level 2 qualification, although candidates are expected to be working in the industry or have an understanding of the agricultural/ horticultural industry sectors
- Achievement of the level 2 certificate is normally a requirement for progression to the level 3 certificate. However, candidates with appropriate knowledge and experience can gain exemptions and fast-track to the level 3 qualification. For example, if candidates have already achieved relevant national occupational standards within an NVQ/SVQ, in the agricultural/horticultural sector, they can progress direct to the certificate at level 3.

Do these qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

The qualifications are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) at levels 2 & 3. Both qualifications are related to the industry and employment national occupational standards. The standards are set through Lantra SSC and ENTO and are kept up to date by employers, and the land-based sector as well as health & safety specialists.

Qualification Structure

Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely in Agriculture/Horticulture

The qualification comprises a single unit covering:-

- the effects that accidents and ill health can have on a business and people
- your role in the business with regard to health & safety

- how to co-operate with people to improve health & safety
- how your work can affect the health & safety of others
- the consequences of safe versus unsafe behaviour
- the major sources of accidents and ill health in agriculture/horticulture
- jobs in the sectors that require specific standards of training and competence
- the importance of checking that measures to protect health & safety in the industry sectors are effective and properly used
- the particular risks to children and vulnerable adults from agricultural/horticultural activities.

Level 3 Certificate in Controlling Risks to Health & Safety in Agriculture/Horticulture

Unit 1: Principles of Controlling Risks to Health & Safety

- how people's knowledge, experience and attitude affect their perception of risk
- measures to control risk
- how to investigate accidents and incidents to establish root and underlying causes
- how to contribute to and implement procedures to enact the health & safety policy
- how to carry out a workplace inspection and report findings to management
- the main health and safety law applying to agriculture/horticulture
- measures to reduce risks from lone working.

Unit 2: Controlling Risks to Health & Safety (Risk Assessments)

- hazard and risk awareness
- how to complete specific risk assessments appropriate to agriculture/horticulture
- instructing employees with regards to the outcome of a risk assessment
- relevant control measures which meet appropriate good practice standards in agriculture/horticulture
- how purchasing/selection decisions can reduce risks to health and safety

What's the next step?

If you are an existing approved centre, you will need to complete a scheme approval form (NPTC's QAP). The cost of this is £150 and you should contact the NPTC Verification Team.

If you are not an approved centre and would like to become one, please contact the NPTC Business Development Team who will guide you through the approval process. The cost for becoming an approved centre is £1000.

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