

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080) 601/7549/7**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work with animals, either directly hands-on or within wider allied services or businesses. It is designed to provide you with a very wide range of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek a diverse range of employment opportunities, or to further learning and training within the animal care and management industries.</p> <p>On successful completion of the qualification, you will be awarded one of the following:</p> <p>Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoos) (1080) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Wildlife) (1080) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Applied Science) (1080)</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working with animals. You will learn how to work safely around animals, be responsible for the planning and carrying out animal husbandry health and handling, and feeding and nutrition. You will also learn about animal behaviour, animal breeds and welfare and business skills. You will then choose to specialise in one of the following areas; zoos, wildlife, animal management or applied science.</p> <p>Students choosing the zoos option will also learn specific topics such as the health and husbandry requirements of exotic species, avians, aquatics and zoological animals, and customer care plus you could learn further skills such as animal nursing, farm livestock husbandry or inheritance and genetics.</p> <p>If you wish to study the wildlife specialism, then you will learn about specific topics such as wildlife ecology and conservation, population surveys and conservation, estate skills, wildlife management and rehabilitation, plus you could</p>

learn about further topics such as animal nursing, pest and predator control, habitat management, environmental studies or managing volunteers.

Students choosing the animal management option will learn about animal nursing, pet store management, pet allied services and cattery management. You will also learn further skills such as animal training, dog grooming and styling or customer care and retail management.

If you have a particular interest in science and animals then you can take the applied science option. You will learn about the fundamentals of science and the skills required for scientific report writing. You will also study other areas such as inheritance and genetics, cell biology, biochemistry and microbiology or fish biology

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 animal care and management industry 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?

This two-year qualification exposes you to the whole industry, and the opportunities within it. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working within an animal welfare organisation, a veterinary practice, a wildlife park or perhaps a business such as a pet store, feed company or dog grooming salon. As you will have gained a breadth and depth of skills and knowledge over a wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:

In zoo pathway

- Trainee zoo keeper
- Trainee aquarist

In wildlife pathway

- Wildlife warden
- Nature officer
- Data recorder
- Project officer

In animal management pathway

- Animal centre/unit manager
- Animal centre deputy manager
- Dog grooming business owner/manager
- Pet store manager
- Kennel & cattery supervisor/manager

In applied science pathway

- Research assistant (desk based)
- Trainee animal husbandry technician
- Lab technician
- Veterinary practice lab assistant

You may also wish to become self-employed, and undertake roles such as a freelance animal trainer or provide pet allied services.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

You are likely to take this qualification full-time over 2 years. You have the option of four separate pathways which will enable you to prepare to enter the many diverse opportunities within animal management, focussing on a broad basis of skills that employer's value, whilst studying in greater depth the areas that will enable you to seek specialised and more demanding job roles.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Animal Management: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).

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 animal care and management industries. 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 animal care and management industries. 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 animal care and management industries. 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 animal care and management industries. 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 animal care and management 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?	<p>You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Animal Management, which allows you to combine working in a kennel or cattery, pet store, welfare centre or in a similar business, and typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.</p> <p>You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution. You could study courses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Management Foundation Degree • BSc (Hons) in Animal Science • BSc (Hons) in Animal Management • BSc (Hons) in Animal Management with Wildlife Conservation
WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	<p>The Pet Industry Federation The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)</p> <p>The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals (RSPCA) The Medical Research Council (MRC Harwell) Seaham Vets</p> <p>Garston Vets The Stables Equine Practice</p>
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.