

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 2 (Technical) Certificate in Equine Care (601/4526/2)

THIS QUALIFICATION IS INTENDED AS A SUBSTANTIAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AT LEVEL 2.

OVERVIEW

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career working with horses. This qualification is suitable for anyone aged 16 years old, or over. You don't need any previous knowledge or experience to start this qualification.

What does this qualification cover?

You will study theoretical aspects of the subject and apply them to practical tasks. Compulsory topics include:

- maintain animal health and welfare
- undertake work related experience in the landbased industries
- horse tack and clothing
- undertake routine stable duties
- the principles of feeding and watering horses
- undertake horse handling.

You will also be able to choose additional optional topics, including:

- horse behaviour
- riding horses on the flat
- riding horses over fences
- lungeing horses
- animal biology
- keeping horses at grass.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of your training. Employers may provide demonstrations and talks on the industry which will give a real insight into potentially working in the sector. Where possible, work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically-based training on a yard or another horse-related business is the ideal preparation for training on the job, or for 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 such as working in one of the following establishments:

- riding school
- equestrian centre
- competition yard
- stud
- trekking centre.

You could get a job working as a:

- assistant groom
- assistant yard worker
- trekking assistant
- assistant stud worker/hand.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Once you have achieved this qualification, you will have the choice of whether to further your learning within a college, or enter employment where you can further your skills whilst working full or part-time in an equine business.

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

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following employers:

Tumpy Green, Summerhouse Equestrian Centre, The Talland School of Equitation, The Stables Equine Practice, West Wilts Equestrian Centre.

Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/what-we-offer/course-solutions/14-19-qualifications/technicals-documents>