

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720) 601/7186/8**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work in the equine industry, either hands-on with horses or within the wider allied equine service or business sector. It provides you with a wide range of specialist technical practical skills, knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the equine industry.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working with horses, such as planning and carrying out stable yard operations, horse health care, feeding and nutrition and fitting and evaluating tack and equipment. You will develop further practical skills such as working and exercising horses from the ground, horse presentation skills (grooming, clipping, trimming and plaiting) and you will also learn about horse biology. You will also gain the skills to be able to undertake event management and you will also gain knowledge and understanding about the principles of equitation.</p> <p>You will also have the opportunity to learn a wider range of more specialist skills and knowledge such as horse fitness, grassland management, stud and breeding, riding or business skills and retail management.</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 equine 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>This qualification exposes you to many parts of the equine industry, and the opportunities within it. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working on a yard, within a stud, or perhaps a business such as a store, or feed merchant or tack shop. As you will have gained a wide range of skills and knowledge over a wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable yard supervisor

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- Exercise rider
 - Competition groom
 - Event supervisor
 - Retail saddlery assistant
 - Assistant saddler
 - Apprentice saddle fitter
 - Country store retail assistant

You may also wish to become self-employed, and undertake roles such as a freelance rider or groom.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

This is typically delivered as a two course alongside another qualification such as an AS or A level. It offers a solid foundation for specialised study in different aspects of the equine industry. You will gain a wide range of skills and knowledge that employers recognise and value. There are a wide range of optional units to choose from, offering you the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of experiences working with directly with horses or within an allied business such as a tack shop/saddlers or countryside retail outlet.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Equine 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 equine industry. 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 equine 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 equine 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 equine 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 equine 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 Horse Care and Management, which allows you to combine working in an equestrian centre, competition yard, stud or in a similar job, and 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 study courses such as:

- Equine Studies Foundation Degree
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- Equine Sports Performance BSc (Hons) Degree.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

The British Equestrian Federation (BEF)
The British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA)

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.
