

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care** (603/0834/5)

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care is for you if you are looking to start a career within the equine industry.</p> <p>There are many diverse businesses and opportunities within this sector, for example riding schools, livery yards, competition yards, trekking centres, breeders, trainers, welfare charities and freelance services. You may choose a job where riding is involved, or you may choose a non-riding role, for example in retail, manufacturing or event management. There are many allied businesses such as membership bodies, professional associations or those involved with education and training.</p> <p>Working with horses is extremely rewarding, but it can require hard work, with long hours. Dedication and enthusiasm to the role are key to success.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or over. You may or may not have any previous knowledge or experience in equine care.</p> <p>You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working with horses, or progressing to further learning and training in this area.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification covers the skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work in the equine industry. You will study the following mandatory content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety for land-based industries• Working in the equine industry• Equine health and welfare• Horse tack and equipment• Undertake routine stable duties• The principles of feeding and watering horses• Horse handling and grooming• Introduction to lungeing horses

There is also a requirement to complete 150 hours of work experience.

You will then have the choice of studying some of the following options:

- Equine anatomy and physiology
- Horse behaviour
- Riding horses on the flat
- Riding horses for exercise
- Keeping horses at grass
- Assisting with the transportation of horses
- Assisting with the care of competition horses
- Land and environmental business

The optional units can be chosen to reflect local or regional industry or business needs. They may help with your progression onto the Level 3 Technical qualifications where there may be further specialist options for you to choose from.

You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and end assessment.

Colleges and training/education centres will work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with both local and national equine businesses, include:

- structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
- your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
- employers input into projects and exercises
- employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the equine industry or further specialist study.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the necessary technical skills and knowledge they are looking for when recruiting for a:

- junior groom
- junior equine retail assistant

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

There are no other College-based qualifications within this suite at this Level.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Yes. Once you have successfully completed this qualification, you could go on to study a Level 3 College-based qualification over one year, or two years.

Over one year:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Equine Management
- Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540)

Over two years:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (720)
- Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080)

The larger qualifications taken over two years will allow you to specialise from the wide range of optional units available.

This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in Equine Care and Management. There are two new and exciting apprenticeships currently being developed in the following occupations. Depending upon what you have achieved previously, you could progress to an apprenticeship as an:

- Equine groom
- Senior groom

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Professional/Trade Associations

The British Horse Society (BHS)

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.
