

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management 0076-03 (QAN no: 500/8489/6). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management is a qualification aimed at providing you with a range of practical skills and knowledge. This will help you to seek employment or progress into further training within the Countryside and Environment Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who work or want to work within the Countryside and Environment Industry.

The recommended entry requirements are the level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Countryside and Environment and/or previous practical experience within a countryside environment.

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete 18 or 19 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The units that everyone is required to take are:

- Understanding and Carrying out Wildlife Population Surveys
- Ecology and Conservation
- Estate Skills
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project

There are 40 optional units that you can choose from which allow you to pick areas of interest:

- Coastal Management
- Woodland Management
- Deer Management
- Understanding Working Dogs
- Fishery Management

The period of work experience will allow you to gain first hand experience of working for a National Park or other related countryside industries.

For all units you will study both the practical and theory based aspects of the qualification. You will learn how to carry out practical activities and why you need to do and know certain

things. You will get the chance to study different areas that interest you especially through the investigative project.

The Extended Diploma is the largest in the suite of Countryside Management qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to three A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered as a two-year full-time course at College and is aimed at learners who mainly know which industry they would like to specialise into. It provides a substantial core of knowledge and skills, alongside a wide range of optional units that enables learners to specialise in subjects that really interest them, or are important areas of study for employment in local businesses. Learners may wish to progress to further learning and training or to Higher Education.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector.

What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

The qualification allows you to progress into employment.

You might progress into work as:

- Estate Manager
- Assistant Game keeper
- Assistant Fisheries Manager
- Park Ranger
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Habitat Manager
- Water Bailiff
- Environment Officer

You may wish to learn more through an Advanced Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation or Game and Wildlife Management, which allows you to combine working for a wildlife trust or estate, or a similar job, typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You might want to go on to Higher Education. The following Higher Education Institutes recognise that this qualification fulfils the requirements for entry onto a range of HE programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications):

- Harper Adams University
- Aberystwyth university
- Kingston Maurward College

You can go on to study subjects such as:

Countryside Management Degree (BSc)

Countryside Conservation Degree (BSc)

Marine Ecology and Conservation Foundation Science Degree

This qualification carries 120 to 420 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables>

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

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/land-based-services/environment-countryside-and-conservation/0076-countryside-and-environment/level-3>