Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Countryside Management 0076-03 (QAN no: 500/8560/8). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Subsidiary 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 works or wants to work within the Countryside and Environment Industry.

The recommended entry requirements are:

- 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 6 or 7 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics.

The mandatory unit is:

- Investigative Project

There are 43 optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:

- Countryside Tourism and Management
- Woodland Management
- Deer Management
- Fishery Management
- Vertebrate Pest and Predator Control
- Gamebird Production
- Stalking and Shooting Deer
- Shoot Management

You can also pick more general units such as:

- Farm and Grassland Habitat Management
- Estate Skills
- Physical and Biological Environmental Processes
For all units you will study both the practical and the knowledge on why you need to do and know certain things. You will get the chance to study different areas that really interest you especially through the Investigative Project.

The Subsidiary Diploma is part of a larger suite of Countryside Management qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one A Level. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It allows progression into a number of employment opportunities and can be taken alongside other relevant qualifications such as Level 2 GCSEs in English and/or Maths, or Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology of related subjects.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector to ensure that it equips learners with the right skills and knowledge to be able to gain employment either directly or following further studies. You may wish to take extra units and progress onto a Diploma or Extended Diploma in Countryside Management.

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 the following roles:

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

You may wish to progress onto 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, and 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 Higher Education programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications):

- Harper Adams University
- Aberystwyth University
- Kingston Maurward
You can go on to study subjects such as:

- Environmental Conservation  Foundation Degree  
- Marine Ecology & Conservation Foundation Science Degree  
- Countryside Management Degree BSc (Hons)  
- Countryside Conservation Degree BSc (Hons)

This qualification carries 40 to 140 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: