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## City & Guilds

### 500/8574/8 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment

#### Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career within the environmental conservation industry.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to do work experience in the environmental conservation industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

#### What does this qualification cover?

There are two compulsory topics that you will need to complete:

- work-related experience in the land-based industries
- environmental and land-based business.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include areas such as:

- estate maintenance
- tractor driving
- introduction to boundary habitat conservation
- introduction to coastal zone management
- introduction to countryside access and recreation
- ecological surveys and techniques
- ecology of trees, woods and forests
- introduction to game management
- introduction to practical forestry skills
- introduction to urban habitat ecology
- introduction to fish health
- introductory deer management.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may 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 training on the job or specialist further study.



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

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- wildlife trust
- estate
- environmental agency/organisation
- environmental body.

You could get a job working as a:

- estate worker
- ranger
- conservation worker
- community officer
- education officer.

**Will the qualification lead to further learning?**

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

***If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?***

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Countryside and Environment: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the environmental conservation industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the environmental conservation industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

**WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?**

This qualification is supported by:

RE Archer (Farms) Ltd  
Upper Booth Farm (part of registered company SE Halliwell Ltd)  
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust  
Cumbria Wildlife Trust  
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust  
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

**THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.**

For further information on this qualification please go to:

[http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land\\_Based\\_Services/Environment\\_Countryside\\_and\\_Conservation/0076/0076\\_Level\\_2/Centre\\_documents/0076-02\\_L2\\_Qualification\\_handbook\\_v2.pdf](http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land_Based_Services/Environment_Countryside_and_Conservation/0076/0076_Level_2/Centre_documents/0076-02_L2_Qualification_handbook_v2.pdf)