

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Countryside Management 0076-03 (QAN no: 600/6113/3). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 90-Credit 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 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 successfully complete 9 or 10 units (depending on which ones are selected) to gain this qualification.

The mandatory unit that everyone is required to take is:

- Investigative Project.

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

- Coastal Management
- Woodland Management
- Deer Management
- Understanding Working Dogs
- Fishery management
- Understand and Carry out Wildlife Population Surveys
- Ecology and Conservation
- Estate Skills
- Work Experience

You will get the chance to study an area that really interests you through the investigative project.

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

For all units you will study both the practical skills and the theory on why you need to do and know certain things.

The 90-Credit Diploma is part of a larger suite of Countryside

Management qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one and a half A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It could be taken post-16 as a stand alone Level 3 one year course with a view to progressing to an apprenticeship, or it could be taken alongside other relevant Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology or 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 want to take approximately 3 or 4 further units to achieve a Diploma, or 9 or 10 more units to gain an Extended Diploma, over another year.

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

The qualification allows you to move into employment.

You might apply to work as a:

- 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 HE programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels):

- 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 80 to 280 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>