

## Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (1080) 601/7564/3**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work within the countryside. It is designed to provide you with a very wide range of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek a diverse range of employment opportunities, or to further learning and training within the land and wildlife industries.</p> <p>On successful completion of the qualification, you will be awarded one of the following:</p> <p>Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside) (1080) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Game) (1080) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Fisheries) (1080)</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working within the countryside, such as estate skills, population surveys, safe use of equipment and machinery, land use and recreation and environmental processes. You will then choose to specialise in either <b>countryside, game</b> or <b>fisheries</b>.</p> <p>If you choose the countryside option then you will go onto study ecological concepts and application, environmental interpretation and freshwater and wetland management. You will go onto to study further areas such as farm habitat management, heathland habitat management, coastal management, managing volunteers, outdoor adventure activities or overland expeditions.</p> <p>Students taking the game option will go on to study pest and predator control, use of firearms, ecology of game species and freshwater and wetland management. You will go on to study further areas and gain skills in areas such as shoot management, working dogs, gamebird production, game management, commercial deer management, captive deer management or upland game management.</p>

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If you are particularly interested in fish and fisheries, then you will go on to study water quality, fish biology, fish health, fishery management, fresh water and wetland management and warm water and marine aquaculture. You will go on to study further areas such as river fishery creation and management, stillwater fishery creation and management, aquatic ecosystems, cyprinid farming, salmonid farming or freshwater aquarium systems.

Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will 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 gaining employment in the agricultural industry or specialist further study.

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#### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

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

This two-year qualification exposes you to the whole industry, and the opportunities within it. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working for an estate, land owner, farm, sporting estate/shoot or a fishery. As you will have gained a breadth and depth of skills and knowledge over a very wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:

##### **In countryside pathway**

- Countryside ranger
- Countryside warden
- Volunteer manager
- Estate supervisor
- Boundary contractor

##### **In game pathway**

- Gamekeeper (lowland)
- Gamekeeper (upland)
- Stalker
- Shoot manager
- Beat keeper

##### **In fisheries pathway**

- Fish feed manufacturing and development officer
- Fishery consultancy assistant
- Fishery manager
- Fishery bailiff

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Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

You are likely to take this qualification full-time over 2 years. You have the option of four separate pathways which will enable you to prepare to enter the many diverse opportunities within land and wildlife industries, focussing on a broad basis of skills that employer's value, whilst studying in greater depth the areas that will enable you to seek specialised and more demanding job roles.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Land & Wildlife industries: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).

You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the land and wildlife industries. The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the land and wildlife industries. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the land and wildlife industries. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the land and wildlife industries. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider land and wildlife sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.

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Will the qualification lead to further learning?

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 may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.

You could take a course such as:

- Countryside Management Degree (BSc)
  - Countryside Conservation Degree (BSc)
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- Marine Ecology and Conservation Foundation Science Degree

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#### WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)  
The British Trout Association (BTA)  
Hampshire Carp Hatcheries  
V S Fisheries Ltd  
Test Valley Trout Ltd

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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.

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