

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management 0079-03 (QAN no: 500/8708/3). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

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

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who works or wants to work within the equine industry.

A level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Horse Care and/or previous practical experience within an equine environment are recommended entry requirements.

What does the qualification cover?

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

The mandatory units that everyone is required to take are:

- Understanding Animal Health
- Planning and Monitoring Feeding
- Fitting Tack and Equipment
- Preparing Horses for Presentation
- Work Experience
- Yard and Stable Management
- Animal Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology

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

- Horse Fitness
- Horse Rehabilitation and Therapy
- Riding Horses on the Flat and over Fences
- Stud Management
- Horse Handling, Backing and Training
- The Horse Driving Industry
- The Horse Racing Industry
- Grassland Management

The period of work experience will allow you to gain first-hand experience of working in a competition yard or other related equine businesses.

For all units you will study both the practical aspects and the knowledge of 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 Extended Diploma is the largest in the suite of Horse 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 a:

- Riding Yard Manager
- Assistant Manager(Competition yards)
- Assistant Yard Manager (Riding School)
- Competition Groom
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Livestock Technician
- Equine Nutritionist
- Stud Manager

You may wish to move onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horse Care and Management, which allows you to combine working in a riding school, or in 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 another Level 3 qualification, such as an A Level):

- Hartpury College (University of West of England)
- Reaseheath College
- University of Brighton.

You can go on to study subjects such as:

- Equine Studies Foundation Degree
 - BSc (Hons) Equine Science
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- Equine Sports Performance BSc (Hons) 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/equine/0079-horse-care-and-management/level-3>