Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horse Management 0079-03 (QAN no: 500/8714/9). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Subsidiary 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 progress into further training within the Horse Management Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

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

Recommended Entry Requirements:

- Level 2 Certificate in Horse Care
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Horse Care
- Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care
- Previous practical experience within an equine environment

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete about 6 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The qualification covers a range of topics. There are no mandatory units but there are 29 optional units that you can choose from which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:

- Horse Fitness
- Horse Rehabilitation and Therapy
- Stud Management
- Horse Handling, Backing and Training
- The Horse Driving Industry
- The Horse Racing Industry

You can also pick more general units such as:

- Planning and Monitoring Feeding
- Understanding Animal Health
- Yard and Stable Management
- Riding and Exercising Horses
- Animal Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology

For all units you will study both its practical and theory based aspects. You will learn why you need to do and know certain things.
The Subsidiary Diploma is part of a larger suite of Horse 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 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 wish to take extra units and progress onto a Diploma or Extended Diploma in Horse 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 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 progress 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 alongside other Level 3 qualifications:

- 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
Equine Sports Performance BSc (Hons) Degree

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: