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500/8771/X City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career within the equine 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 equine industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

What does this qualification cover?

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

- the principles of feeding and watering horses
- work-related experience in the land-based industries
- routine stable duties
- horse handling.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include the following areas:

- fit and maintain horse tack and clothing
- horse grooming, trimming and plaiting
- introduction to keeping horses at grass
- introduction to equine stud practice
- introduction to riding horses on the flat
- animal health and welfare
- introduction to riding horses over fences.

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:

- riding school
- equestrian centre
- competition yard
- stud.

You could get a job working as a:

- assistant yard worker
- assistant groom
- stud assistant/hand
- trek assistant.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You could progress to other qualifications in Horse Management at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care and Management (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 Horse Care: 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 equine 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 equine 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 the following employers:

The Stables Equine Practice
Summerhouse Equestrian Centre
Talland School of Equitation
Tumpy Green Equestrian Centre
West Wilts Equestrian Centre

It is also supported by the British Equestrian Federation, the largest representative body in the equine industry.

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/Equine/0079/0079_Level_2/Centre_documents/0079-02_L2_Qualification_handbook_v2.pdf