Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Horse Management 0079-03 (QAN no: 600/6114/5). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 90-Credit 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 equine industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for learners who work or want to work within the equine industry.

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

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to successfully complete about 9 units (depending on which ones are selected) to gain this qualification. The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics and both practical and knowledge aspects. There are no mandatory units but there are 30 optional units in areas of interest such as:

- 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
- Work Experience.

There are also 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.

The period of work experience, if taken, will allow first hand experience of working in a competition yard or other related equine business.
The 90-Credit Diploma is part of a larger suite of Horse 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 10 or 11 units to achieve 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 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 enter 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 other Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels):

- 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 60 to 210 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-
Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook: