

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture 0077-03 (QAN no: 600/5946/1). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture 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 Arboricultural or Forestry Industries.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who works or wants to work within the Forestry or Arboriculture Industry.

The recommended entry requirements are the Level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture and/or previous practical experience within a forestry or arboriculture 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.

All of the units in this qualification are optional so any combination can be taken in the learner's areas of interest, such as:

- Plant Science
- Soil Science
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project
- Managing Heritage Gardens and Arboreta
- Undertaking Tree Surveys
- Principles of Silviculture
- Tree Felling and Chainsaw Use
- Plan Urban and Community Forestry Projects
- Woodland Management
- Woodland Sampling
- Tree Surveys and Inspections
- Land-based Machinery.

The period of work experience, if selected, will allow you to gain further first hand experience of working for a Parks Department or other related Forestry and Arboriculture industries.

For all units you will study both the practical aspects and the knowledge of why you need to do and know certain things.

You may want to take a further 4 units to achieve a Diploma or 10 more units to achieve an Extended Diploma, over another year.

The 90-Credit Diploma is part of a larger suite of Forestry and Arboriculture 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.

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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:

- Forest Ranger
- Forestry Steward
- Tree Surgeon
- Forest Craftsman
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Habitat Manager
- Climbing Arborist
- Assistant Arborist.

You may wish to enter an Advanced Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber, which allows you to combine working for an Arboretum, or 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 Higher Education programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels):

- Harper Adams University
- University of Brighton
- University of Portsmouth.

You can go on to study subjects such as:

- Arboriculture Foundation Degree
 - Forestry and Woodland Management Foundation Degree
 - BSc (Hons) Forestry
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- Woodland Conservation Management FdSc
- Woodland Conservation Management BSc (Hons).

This qualification carries 60 to 210 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/forestry-and-arboriculture/0077-forestry-and-arboriculture/level-3>