

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Agriculture (540) 601/7452/3**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work in agriculture. It provides you with a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the agricultural industry.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to study a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge that build upon the core skills of safe working practices in farming, livestock husbandry, crop production and operating agricultural machinery as well as business skills. You can then learn further specialist skills such as farm livestock health and nutrition, agricultural workshop practices, forage crop production or farm habitat management.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will 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 gaining employment in the agricultural industry or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>You might progress into work as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant herdsman/stockperson • Agricultural technician • Apprentice in a farm business • Calf or stock rearer • Assistant machinery operator
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	<p>This is typically a one year full-time course or you could take it alongside other Level 3 qualification such as A levels over a two year period. It equips you with the core skills and knowledge to enter employment in the agricultural industry and enables progression to a broader range of options than the Technical Certificate. You would take this qualification if you really enjoy the hands-on practical aspects of working on a farm.</p> <p>City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Agriculture: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).</p>

You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the agricultural industry. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider agricultural sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture which allows you to combine working on a farm with typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.

You could take a course such as:

- Agriculture Foundation Degree
- BSc (Hons) Agriculture
- Agriculture with Animal Science BSc (Hons) Degree
- Agriculture with Business Studies BSc (Hons) Degree
- Agriculture with Countryside Management BSc (Hons) Degree

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

The National Farmers Union
The British Growers Association
Mansell Park Farm Ltd

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.
