

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Countryside Management 0076-03 (QAN no: 500/8561/X). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Diploma in Countryside 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 Countryside and Environment Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for someone who works or wants to work within the countryside and environment industry.

The recommended entry requirements are the level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Countryside and Environment and/or previous practical experience within a countryside environment.

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to successfully complete 12 or 13 units (depending on which ones are selected) in order to gain this qualification.

The mandatory units that everyone is required to take are:

- Understanding and carrying out Wildlife Population Surveys
- Ecology and Conservation
- Estate Skills
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project

There are optional units that you can choose from which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:

- Coastal Management
- Woodland Management
- Deer Management
- Understanding Working Dogs
- Fishery Management

The period of work experience will allow you to gain further first hand experience of working for a National Park for example or other related countryside industries.

For all units you will study both the practical aspects (how you carry out practical activities) and the knowledge (why you need to do and know certain things). You will get the chance to study different areas that really interest you especially through the

investigative project.

The Diploma is part of a larger suite of Countryside Management qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to two A Levels (two-thirds of a full time curriculum). The qualification provides a significant proportion of skills and knowledge for progression into a number of employment opportunities, but it can also be taken alongside another relevant qualification such as an A Level in Biology, Business or other related subject.

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 progress onto an Extended Diploma by taking about 6 more units.

What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

The qualification allows you to move into **employment**.

You might apply to work as a:

- Estate Manager
- Assistant Game keeper
- Assistant Fisheries Manager
- Park Ranger
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Habitat Manager
- Water Bailiff
- Environment Officer

You may wish to progress onto an **Advanced Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation or Game and Wildlife Management**, which allows you to combine working for a Wildlife Trust or estate, 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 HE programmes (in its own right or alongside another Level 3 qualification, such as an A Level):

- Harper Adams University
- Aberystwyth university
- Kingston Maurward College

You can go on to study subjects such as:

Countryside Management Degree (BSc)

Countryside Conservation Degree (BSc)

Marine Ecology and Conservation Foundation Science Degree

This qualification carries 80 to 280 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/environment-countryside-and-conservation/0076-countryside-and-environment/level-3>