

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife (603/1198/8)

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>If you are looking to start a career within the land and wildlife sector, then this qualification is aimed at you.</p> <p>Within the land and wildlife sector, there are three main industries that this qualification covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Game• Fisheries• Countryside conservation <p>The game and wildlife industry includes everything to do with the management of upland, lowland, woodland and wetland game and wildlife species, including partridge, grouse, pheasant and deer. A Gamekeepers main tasks include rearing young birds from hatcheries, making sure game is kept safe from predators, and making necessary repairs to equipment, buildings and release pens.</p> <p>The fisheries industry incorporates the activities that occur within freshwater locations such as rivers and reservoirs. The activities include the provision of freshwater angling, conserving and enhancing freshwater fish and habitats and securing sustainable fisheries.</p> <p>Within countryside conservation, you could be surveying and reporting on the condition of an outdoor area, encouraging people to enjoy the environments around them, carrying out habitat management work or monitoring a section of river prone to floods.</p> <p>Working within the land and wildlife sector often requires working flexible hours according to the season and when jobs need completing. It may involve working long hours and can include early morning, evening and weekend work. Most of their working time is spent outdoors in all weather conditions.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or over. You don't need any previous knowledge or experience in land and wildlife to start this qualification.</p>

You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working in a countryside or conservation setting, or progressing to further learning and training in this area.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification covers all the core skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work within the countryside and environment industries. You will work towards one of three pathways:

Mandatory units – All pathways:

Health and safety in the land based industries
Working in the land and wildlife industry
Machinery used in the land and wildlife industry
Conservation and improvements to British habitats
Estate maintenance

Mandatory units – Game Pathway:

Firearms safety
Assist with pest and predator control
Game and deer species in the UK
Assist with the maintenance of game and deer populations
Assist with shooting activities

Mandatory units – Conservation Pathway:

Species identification and surveying
Environmental conservation of flora and fauna
Land and countryside use
Countryside interpretation and recreation

Mandatory units – Fisheries Pathway:

Fish health and biology
Game and coarse angling
Assist with freshwater sport fishery management

You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and end assessment.

Centres and providers will work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with both local and national farming land and wildlife businesses, include:

- structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
 - your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
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- employers input into projects and exercises, or are involved with setting assessments and examinations
- employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the land and wildlife industry or further specialist study.

How does this qualification relate to a wider learning programme

This qualification provides an opportunity for you to gain real work specific skills and knowledge, and enables you to link your technical learning to the work experience part of your course. There may also be the opportunity to undertake short courses or qualifications, such as our Certificates of Technical Competence or a GCSE in Biology, alongside this qualification.

When taken as part of a full study programme you will typically receive regular personal tutorials which will help with target setting, enabling you to reflect on and improve your performance and progress. You will also benefit from enrichment activities to develop your employability, team work and problem solving skills. These are essential when working in industry.

Typically, you will also take this qualification alongside English and/or maths, so these, as well as and digital technology are included within the course to enhance your skills which will assist you with future job opportunities or progression to higher level learning.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you are able to undertake routine tasks as a:

- trainee deer manager
- assistant fisheries worker
- trainee underkeeper
- assistant river keeper
- assistant conservation worker
- assistant recreation ranger
- trainee game farm worker
- assistant maintenance operative

<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>There are no other College-based qualifications within this suite at this Level.</p>
<p>Will the qualification lead to further learning?</p>	<p>Yes. Once you have successfully completed this qualification, you could go on to study a Level 3 College-based qualification over one year, or two years.</p> <p>The larger qualifications taken over two years will allow you to specialise in Countryside, Game or Fisheries which could lead to a greater range of more diverse career opportunities.</p> <p>This qualification will allow you to progress onto the Level 3 City & Guilds Land and Wildlife qualifications:</p> <p>Over one year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife Management • Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (540) <p>Over two years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (720) (Conservation Management) or (Fisheries) • Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (1080) (Countryside) or (Game) or (Fisheries) <p>This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in Land and Wildlife:</p> <p>Intermediate Apprenticeship, including the Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife, or Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Environmental Conservation</p> <p>Advance Apprenticeship, including the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Game and Wildlife, or Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Environmental Conservation</p>

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

<p>Employers/Industry/Representative Bodies</p>	<p>Angling Trust</p> <p>British Association for Shooting & Conservation</p> <p>British Trout Association</p> <p>Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science</p> <p>Cuerden Valley Park Trust</p> <p>Countryside Alliance</p>
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Deer Initiative
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust
Institute of Fisheries Management
LEAF
Lulworth Estate
Mansell Park Farm Ltd
National Gamekeepers Organisation
Naturally Wild
Ribble Rivers Trust
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership
Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
Wild Trout Trust

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.
