

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture 0077-03 (QAN no: 500/8564/5). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 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 forestry or arboriculture.

What does the qualification cover?

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

The mandatory units are:

- Plant Science
- Soil Science
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project.

There are optional units such as:

- Managing Heritage Gardens and Arboreta
- Undertaking Tree Surveys
- Principles of Silviculture
- Tree Felling and Chainsaw Use.

The period of work experience will allow the learner to gain first hand experience working for a Parks Department or other related Forestry and Arboriculture industries.

All units include both practical aspects and knowledge.

Learners will get the chance to study different areas of interest, especially through the investigative project.

The Diploma is part of a larger suite of Forestry and Arboriculture 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 progress into employment.

You might 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):

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

You can go on to study subjects such as:

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

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/forestry-and-arboriculture/0077-forestry-and-arboriculture/level-3>