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500/8718/6 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you want to work in the forestry or arboricultural industries.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to get work experience in the forestry or arboriculture industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

What does this qualification cover?

You will do these compulsory topics:

- work experience in a forestry or arboricultural related business
- environmental and land-based business.

Optional topics include areas such as:

- establish trees and shrubs
- select trees and shrubs
- ground-based arboricultural operations
- carry out basic visual tree inspections
- tree felling operations
- estate maintenance
- basic principles of plant science.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may 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 training on the job or specialist further study.

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

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- forestry contractor
- arboretum
- estate
- public or private park



- public or private garden

You could get a job working as a:

- forest worker
- forest ranger
- general worker
- base level arborist (groundworker).

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You could progress to other qualifications in Forestry and Arboriculture at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber (which could be taken alone or as part of an Apprenticeship).

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Forestry and Arboriculture: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the forestry or arboricultural industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the forestry or arboricultural industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by:

Arb Matters
Cumbria Wildlife Trust
RE Archer (Farms) Ltd
The Forestry Commission
North Eastern Tree Company
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.

For further information on this qualification please go to:

http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land_Based_Services/Forestry_and_Arbiculture/0077/0077_Level_2/Centre_documents/0077-02_L2_Qualification_handbook_v2.pdf

