

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture 0077-03 (QAN no: 500/8720/4). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Extended 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 progression 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.

A level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture and/or previous practical experience within a forestry or arboriculture environment are recommended entry requirements.

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete about 19 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

The mandatory units that everyone is required to take are:

- Understand and Carry Out Identification, Planting and Establishing Trees and Shrubs
- Tree and Shrub Planting, Aftercare and Protection of Trees and Shrubs
- Plant Science
- Soil Science
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project

There are 21 optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest 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 you to gain first hand experience of working for a Parks Department or other related forestry and arboriculture industries.

For all units you will study both the practical and the knowledge on why you need to do and know certain things.

You will get the chance to study different areas that interest you, especially through the investigative project.

The Extended Diploma is the largest in the suite of Forestry and Arboriculture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to three A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered as a two-year full-time course at College and is aimed at learners who mainly know which industry they would like to specialise into. It provides a substantial core of knowledge and skills, alongside a wide range of optional units that enables learners to specialise in subjects that really interest them, or are important areas of study for employment in local businesses. Learners may wish to progress to further learning and training or to Higher Education.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector.

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 progress into work as a:

- Forest Ranger
- Forestry Steward
- Tree Surgeon
- Forest Craftsman
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Habitat Manager
- Climbing Arborist
- Assistant Arborist.

You may wish to move onto 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 HE 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 120 to 420 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>