

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080) 601/7187/X**

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| OVERVIEW | |
| Who is this qualification for? | This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work within the equine industry, either hands-on with horses or within the wider allied equine service or business sector. It is designed to provide you with a very wide range of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek a diverse range of employment opportunities, or to further learning and training within the equine industry. |
| What does this qualification cover? | <p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working with horses, such as stable yard operations, horse health care, feeding and nutrition and fitting and evaluating tack and equipment. You will develop further practical skills such as working and exercising horses from the ground, horse presentation skills (grooming, clipping, trimming and plaiting) and you will also learn about horse biology and horse behaviour and welfare. You will also gain the skills to be able to undertake event management and you will also gain knowledge and understanding about the principles of equitation. You will gain an understanding of business skills which are important for progression into a wide and diverse range of employment opportunities.</p> <p>This qualification will also equip you with a wider range of more specialist skills and knowledge such as riding on the flat and over fences, grassland management, horse rehabilitation and therapy, stud and breeding, young horse handling and training, riding and exercising horses, competition grooming, coaching and planning lessons. You could also learn about retail management or business improvements.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will 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 gaining employment in the equine industry or specialist further study.</p> |
| WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO? | |
| Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level? | This two-year qualification exposes you to the whole industry, and the opportunities within it. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working on a yard, within a stud, or perhaps a business such as a store, or feed merchant, tack |

shop or another company/business allied to the equine industry such as a welfare organisation or membership body. As you will have gained a breadth and depth of skills and knowledge over a very wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:

- Retail saddlery management trainee
- Apprentice saddler or saddle fitter
- Country store management trainee
- Event manager
- Administrator or junior management trainee in a range of equestrian related businesses
- Yard office manager
- Yard manager
- Stud supervisor
- Work rider
- Trainee coach
- Travelling groom
- Clinical assistant (veterinary)

You may also wish to become self-employed, and undertake roles such as a freelance groom or breaking and training young horses.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

You are likely to take this qualification full-time over 2 years. The qualification focusses on a broad basis of skills that employer's value, whilst studying in greater depth the areas that will enable you to seek specialised and more demanding job roles.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Equine Management: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).

You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the equine industry. The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the equine industry. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the equine industry. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by

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| | <p>employers in the equine industry. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider equine sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.</p> |
| <p>Will the qualification lead to further learning?</p> | <p>You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horse Care and Management, which allows you to combine working in an equestrian centre, competition yard, stud or in a similar job, and typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.</p> <p>You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.</p> <p>You could study courses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine Studies Foundation Degree • BSc (Hons) Equine Science • Equine Sports Performance BSc (Hons) Degree. |
| <p>WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?</p> | |
| <p>Employer/Higher Education Institutions</p> | <p>The British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA)</p> <p>Tumpy Green Equestrian Centre</p> <p>Downlands Equestrian</p> <p>Summerhouse Equestrian and Training Centre</p> <p>The Stables Equine Practice</p> <p>Talland Equestrian Centre</p> |
| <p>FURTHER INFORMATION</p> | <p>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.</p> |