

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (720) 601/7565/5**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work within the countryside. It provides you with a wide range of specialist technical practical skills, knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the land and wildlife industries.</p> <p>On successful completion of the qualification, you will be awarded with either the:</p> <p>Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Conservation Management) (720) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Fisheries) (720)</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working within the countryside, such as estate skills, population surveys, safe use of equipment and machinery and land use and recreation. You will then choose to specialise in either conservation management or fisheries.</p> <p>Students choosing the conservation management option will go onto to further study woodland habitat management. You can then study further specialist areas such as pest and predator control, grassland habitat management, managing volunteers, ecology of game species, freshwater and wetland management and upland game management.</p> <p>If you choose to take the fisheries management you will study water quality and fish biology. You could also learn about fisheries management, stillwater fishery creation and management or cyprinid farming.</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 land and wildlife industries 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 for an estate, land owner, farm, sporting estate /shoot or a fishery. 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:

In conservation management pathway

- Underkeeper
- Assistant countryside warden/ranger
- Assistant estate supervisor

In fisheries pathway

- Fish farm worker

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

This is typically delivered as a two course alongside another qualification such as an AS or A level. It offers a solid foundation for specialised study in different aspects of working in the land and wildlife industries. You will gain a wide range of skills and knowledge that employers recognise and value. The two pathways contain a wide variety of units that offer you the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of experiences working in conservation management or in fisheries.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Land & Wildlife industries: 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 land and wildlife industries. 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 land and wildlife industries. 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 land and wildlife industries. 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

employers in the land and wildlife industries. 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 land and wildlife 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.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You may wish to learn more through an Advanced Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation or Game and Wildlife Management, which allows you to combine working for a wildlife trust or estate, or a similar job, typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.

You could take a course such as:

- Countryside Management Degree (BSc)
- Countryside Conservation Degree (BSc)
- Marine Ecology and Conservation Foundation Science Degree

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) The British Trout Association (BTA)
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.
