

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture 0077-03 (QAN no: 500/8724/1). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Subsidiary 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 complete approximately 6 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.

All units in this qualification are optional. Examples include:

- Carry Out Identification, Planting and Establishment of Trees and Shrubs for Forestry and Arboriculture
- Undertake Advanced Arboricultural Practices
- Understanding Woodland Management
- Measure Trees and Carry Out Woodland Sampling
- Undertake Tree and Shrub Pruning and Maintenance
- Undertake Tree Surveys and Inspections and Analyse the Data
- Plant Science
- Soil Science
- Operate, Maintain and Understand the Principles of Forestry and Arboricultural Machinery

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 really interest you especially through the wide range of optional units available.

The Subsidiary Diploma is part of a larger suite of Forestry and Arboriculture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one A Level. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It allows progression into a number of employment opportunities and can be taken alongside other relevant qualifications such as Level 2 GCSEs in English and/or Maths, or Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology of related subjects.

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 wish to take extra units and progress onto a Diploma or Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture.

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 one of the following roles:

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

You may wish to progress 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)
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This qualification carries 40 to 140 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>