

## Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry & Arboriculture (603/1175/7)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture is for you if you are looking to start a career within the forestry or arboricultural sector.</p> <p>Modern forestry and arboriculture practices involve far more than just growing trees for timber. There are numerous career options depending on your interests and goals, which range from managing large forests to managing trees for amenity and urban landscapes.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or over. You may or may not have any previous knowledge or experience in forestry or arboriculture.</p> <p>You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working in a treework setting, or progressing to further learning and training in this area.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification covers the skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work within the forestry and arboriculture industries. You will study the following mandatory content:</p> <ul data-bbox="592 1263 1319 1615" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working in a forestry or arboriculture related business</li><li>• Introduction to the forestry and arboriculture sectors</li><li>• Health &amp; safety in the land-based industries</li><li>• Tools and equipment</li><li>• Environment and conservation</li><li>• Introduction to plant science</li><li>• Tree classification and Identification</li><li>• Tree establishment</li><li>• Tree and woodland management</li></ul> <p>There is also a requirement to complete 150 hours of work experience.</p> <p>You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and end assessment.</p> <p>Colleges and training/education centres will work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support</p>

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your learning, by working with both local and national forestry or arboricultural businesses, include:

- structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
- your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
- employers input into projects and exercises
- employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the forestry and arboriculture sector or further specialist study.

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How does this qualification relate to a wider learning programme

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This qualification provides an opportunity for you to gain real work specific skills and knowledge, and enables you to link your technical learning to the work experience part of your course.

Throughout the qualification, you will benefit from enrichment activities to develop your employability, team work and problem solving skills. These are essential when working in industry.

English, maths and digital technology are included within the course, which will assist you with future job opportunities or progression to higher level learning. Regular personal tutorials will help with target setting, enabling you to reflect on and improve your performance and progress.

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#### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

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

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the necessary technical skills and knowledge they are looking for when recruiting for a trainee:

- arboriculture/forestry worker
- forestry team member
- tree nursery worker

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Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

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There are no other College-based qualifications within this suite at this Level.

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Will the qualification lead to further learning?

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Yes. Once you have successfully completed this qualification, you could go on to study a Level 3 College-based qualification over one year, or two years.

Over one year:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture

Over two years:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (1080) (Forestry) or (Arboriculture)

The larger qualification taken over two years will allow you to specialise in forestry or arboriculture, which could lead to a greater range of more diverse career opportunities.

This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in Forestry & Arboriculture.

- Intermediate Apprenticeship, including the Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber
- Advanced Apprenticeship, including the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Trees and Timber

#### WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Professional/Trade Associations	The Arboriculture Association The Royal Forestry Society
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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.
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