

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Equine Management (540) 601/7185/6**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work with horses. It provides you with a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the equine industry.
What does this qualification cover?	This qualification gives you the opportunity to study a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge that build upon the core skills required to undertake routine horse care such as planning and carrying out yard operations, horse health care and handling, and feeding and nutrition. You will learn about fitting and evaluating a range of horse tack and equipment as well as preparing horses for presentation; grooming, clipping, trimming and plaiting are really important hands-on practical skills. You will also learn about horse biology, behaviour and welfare and further specialist skills such as event management, competition grooming or riding and exercising horses. 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.
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	You might progress into work as a: • Groom • Exercising assistant • Equine handler • Event manager assistant • Apprentice in an equine business
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	This is typically a one year full-time course or you could take it alongside other Level 3 qualification such as A levels or an equine coaching/teaching qualification over a two year period. It equips you with the core skills and knowledge to enter employment in the equine industry and enables progression to a broader range of options than the Technical Certificate.

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 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.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

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.

You may also wish to progress to Higher Education.
You could study courses such as:

- Equine Studies Foundation Degree
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science
- Equine Sports Performance BSc (Hons) Degree.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education
Institutions

The British Equestrian Federation (BEF)

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.
