



Purpose Statement

Name of regulated qualification	
QN: 603/1907/0	Title: Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Agriculture

What is agriculture?

The agriculture sector has around 150,000 businesses and 660,000 employees. It is a diverse industry with a wide range of progression and job opportunities, which vary from managing livestock, such as dairy cows, cattle for beef, sheep for wool and lamb, pigs and poultry, to managing crops such as wheat, oats, peas, oilseed rape and grass for livestock. There is now a greater demand for reliable, responsible and motivated people who can combine technical knowledge with practical skills.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification, which is 360 GLH, is for you if you want to start a career in agriculture. It is designed for post-16 students and can be taken as part of a wider study programme. It is an ideal qualification if you are intending to progress directly to employment within agriculture, or to an agriculture apprenticeship.

What does the qualification cover?

This qualification has been developed in consultation with employers in the agriculture sector to ensure that you learn the skills and behaviours that will give you the best opportunity to be successful when applying for work.

There are five mandatory units that relate directly to the skills, knowledge and behaviours expected by employers in the agriculture sector. The areas you will cover include:

- working safely
- an introduction to plant and soil science
- an agriculture work placement
- land-based machine operations
- farming and agricultural estate maintenance.

You will be able to add two optional units to the mandatory content, covering areas such as:

- livestock health
- livestock husbandry

- crop production
- grass and forage and crop production.

You will also enhance your broader skills in literacy and numeracy, which will be invaluable in supporting progression in other areas. In addition, you will develop transferable technical and practical skills in communication (working with colleagues, customers and clients), and research and project work (providing you with an opportunity to demonstrate your reflective practice by suggesting alternative approaches to a problem).

What could this qualification lead to?

When studied as part of a full study programme, typically alongside maths or English, this qualification will give you an advantage when applying for a job in agriculture. The types of role you will be ready for are:

- general farm operative
- crop farm operative
- livestock farm operative.

This qualification will also give you a sound basis to progress further within the agriculture sector to a level 3 qualification such as the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Agriculture.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following professional body:

- Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers (RABDF).

This qualification is supported by the following employer:

- George Green Ltd.

Further information

Further information about the qualification can also be accessed at:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-technical/agriculture.html>