



## Purpose Statement

<b>Name of regulated qualification</b>	
<b>QAN: 603/1211/7</b>	<b>Title: Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Equine Studies (360 GLH)</b>

### What is equine studies?

The equine sector is an exciting and well-respected industry that is rapidly expanding in the UK, contributing £7 billion a year to the economy. This sector has more than 19,000 businesses, 41,200 employees and many volunteers. The equine industry includes the welfare, husbandry, supervision and riding of horses, which means there are opportunities for working ranging from livery operations to thoroughbred racehorse training.

### Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is for you if you want to start a career in equine studies. 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 the equine sector, or to an equine apprenticeship.

### What does the qualification cover?

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

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

- equine tack and equipment
- introduction to equine biology and health
- equine work placement
- working with horses
- practical equine behaviour
- practical yard duties.

You will be able to add two optional units to the mandatory content:

- horse preparation and plaiting
- riding horses on the flat.

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 and/or English, this qualification also gives you an advantage when applying for a job in equine care. The types of role you will be ready for are:

- equine yard worker
- equine assistant groom.

When studied as part of a full study programme, this qualification also gives you a sound basis to progress further within the equine sector to a level 3 qualification, such as a Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management.

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by the following professional body:

- British Equestrian Federation.

This qualification is supported by the following employers:

- Beatrice Boyle (McTimoney Animal Practitioner)
- The Horse Trust
- Monnington Equestrian
- Kontakt Dressage.

### **Further information**

Further information about the qualification can also be accessed at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-technicals/equine-studies.html>