



Purpose Statement

Name of regulated qualification	
QN: 603/2289/5	Title: Pearson BTEC Level 2 Technical Certificate in Fish Husbandry

What is fish husbandry?

Fish husbandry is an exciting and rapidly growing industry that is looking for skilled and knowledgeable staff. The fish husbandry industry incorporates activities that occur within freshwater locations, i.e. rivers and reservoirs. These activities include the provision of freshwater angling, conserving and enhancing freshwater fish and habitats, and securing sustainable fisheries. The fish husbandry industry covers a diverse range of jobs from research biologists to those responsible for maintaining fish stock and aquariums. Job roles can also be found at a variety of locations, including rivers, reservoirs, fish farms, aquariums and retail outlets.

In England, there are approximately 120 businesses in the fish husbandry industry, and the industry directly employs around 350 people in England. There are further employment opportunities in the angling and aquaculture industries. Angling is one of the UK's biggest participation sports and the total number of coarse anglers, game anglers and sea anglers generates an annual expenditure of £3.3 billion and 12,250 full-time jobs. The aquaculture industry employs approximately 4,200 people.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification, which is 240 GLH, is for you if you want to start a career in fish husbandry. 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 fish husbandry, or to a fish husbandry apprenticeship.

What does the qualification cover?

This qualification has been developed in consultation with employers in the fish husbandry 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 four mandatory units that relate directly to the skills, knowledge and behaviours expected by employers in the fish husbandry sector. The areas you will cover include:

- fish biology and health

- fishery management
- fish production
- fish husbandry.

You will also enhance your broader skills in maths and English, 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?

Achieving this qualification will give you an advantage when applying for a job in fish husbandry. The types of role you will be ready for are:

- fish farm worker
- fish husbandry worker
- fish technician.

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

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following professional body:

- The Institute of Fisheries Management.

Further information

Further information about the qualification can also be accessed at:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-technicals/fish-husbandry.html>