

## Statement of Purpose

### 500/8366/1 - Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Fish Husbandry (QCF)

#### Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is a Technical Certificate at level 2 designed for post-16 students working at that level. It has 360 guided learning hours.

It is designed for students who have chosen to focus their learning and career development within the environmental and land-based and/or associated sectors and are looking for an engaging and stimulating qualification which will prepare them for progression directly into employment and/or into further study.

#### What does this qualification cover?

The qualification has two mandatory units which provide the essential knowledge and practical skills to prepare students for progression to work within the sector, for example those that are interested in fish farming or sport fishery management, and aquatics industries

Students then choose four or five optional specialist units which provide a close focus within the sector, supporting progression into a more specialized level 3 technical course or into employment. The optional units cover key areas including fish health, fish biology, aquatic ecology, providing estate maintenance, fish farming, game and coarse angling, freshwater sport fishery management and caring for ornamental aquatics.

Through this, students develop the knowledge and practical skills required for a range of roles in the sector and apply them in employment-related contexts, while enabling them also to acquire a valuable range of transferable and work related skills.

Communication skills are developed throughout the units, and students can also enhance their broader skills in ICT, while numeracy skills are developed in compulsory unit 2 'Environmental and Land-based Business'.

If the qualification is studied alongside a level 2 qualification in English and/or mathematics, it will provide numerous opportunities to develop relevant skills and knowledge.

#### What could this qualification lead to?

Achievement of this qualification would mean students are fully prepared to progress to an apprenticeship in the environmental and land-based sector and/or associated sectors. The qualification will also have allowed students to gain a thorough understanding of fish husbandry which will serve them well on a level 3 programme where they may choose to specialise, for example a BTEC National in Fish Management.

#### This qualification is part of a larger suite of BTEC Fish Husbandry qualifications

Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Fish Husbandry has 360 guided learning hours (GLH).

The Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Fish Husbandry is designed for post-16 students and provides a specialist work-related focus on this sector. This qualification prepares students for employment in this sector. It includes a mandatory work-related experience unit not included within the smaller sizes.

Pearson also offers a BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Fish Husbandry which has 180 GLH. This forms a broad introduction to the fish husbandry sector and may form part of the student's study programme. For example, it could be taken alongside subjects such as English, mathematics, science, business, etc.

(Pearson also offers a BTEC First Certificate in Fish Husbandry, which has 90 GLH and is predominantly designed for pre-16 students.)

All sizes of the qualification provide progression to Level 3 study programmes, apprenticeships and entry into a specialist area of employment.

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

This qualification is supported by the following employers and professional bodies:

- The Institute of Fisheries Management
- The British Trout Association
- The Environment Agency

Support letters from these organisations are available at the following link:  
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/fish-husbandry-2010-qcf.html>.

### **Further information**

Further information on the qualification can also be accessed at  
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/fish-husbandry-2010-qcf.html>.