



Pearson

## Purpose Statement

<b>Name of regulated qualification</b>	
<b>QAN: 601/9056/5</b>	<b>Title: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management) (720 GLH)</b>

### Overview

#### The equine management sector

The equine sector is an exciting and well-respected industry, which 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?

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)** is intended as a Tech Level qualification equivalent in size to 2 A levels and, as such, is designed to meet the Tech Bacc measure when studied alongside level 3 mathematics and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). It is aimed at learners intending to progress directly into employment in this aspect of equine yard management. It will also support those wishing to progress to a specialist equine management degree in higher education.

No prior study of the sector is needed, but students should normally have a range of achievement at level 2, in GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

#### What does the qualification cover?

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with employers and professional bodies to ensure that the content is appropriate for those interested in working in the sector. In addition, higher education representatives have been involved to ensure that it fully supports entry to the relevant range of specialist degrees.

There are nine mandatory units, which cover the following aspects of yard management:

- managing an equine yard
- equine business management
- managing an equine event
- equine structure, form and function
- equine diet and nutrition
- work experience in the equine sector
- horse tack, equipment and rugs
- preparation and presentation for competition disciplines
- equine health and husbandry.

Students will be able to add one optional unit to the mandatory content. The optional units have been designed to support progression to a range of employment opportunities in the equine yard management sector and, when taken alongside another level 3 qualification, to a range of higher education courses.

Optional units introduce students to a sector specialist area of their choice, including working in particular environments, and link with relevant occupational areas. The optional units cover areas such as:

- equine behaviour
- riding horses in the open
- estates and grassland management
- working horses from the ground
- introduction to equestrian coaching
- equine stud management
- managing equine injuries and rehabilitation.

All students taking this qualification will be required to engage with sector employers as part of their course, including 225 hours' work experience with an employer in the sector, where opportunities will be given to develop practical skills in preparation for employment.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

#### **Will the qualification lead to employment, if so, in which job role and at which level?**

This qualification will prepare students for direct employment to carry out roles such as equine care worker, events or equine business worker/entrepreneur. This is achieved through the provision of mandatory units that address the cross-sector issues and optional units arranged in suggested groupings, to enable learners to meet local employment needs.

This qualification is suitable for direct employment in roles such as:

- stable yard supervisor

- competition groom
- equine event supervisor.

If taken alongside additional qualifications such as:

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture, it may support entry to livestock assistant roles
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business, it may support entry to administrative or assistant roles in event management.

Students who have taken additional level 3 qualifications could increase professional industry skills and competencies, and have increased responsibilities in the above job roles. Additional qualifications include:

- British Horse Society Stage 1
- British Horse Society Stage 2
- British Horse Society Stage 3
- British Horse Society Stage 4.

This qualification also supports progression for those seeking further learning as part of a level 4 apprenticeship in the field of equine welfare and science.

### **Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?**

There are many roles in this sector where recruitment is at graduate level. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements for many relevant courses. Normally an additional level 3 qualification will be needed and, when taken alongside a business qualification, this qualification could lead to degree courses such as:

- BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Coaching
- BSc (Hons) Equine Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Training and Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Behaviour.

When taken alongside a business qualification, it could also lead to a degree course such as BA (Hons) in Business Management, with the potential to lead to the role of manager in an equine centre.

Students should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at specific higher education providers.

## Why choose this size of qualification?

### If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification, or it is available at different skills levels, why should the student choose this one?

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)** is equivalent in size to 2 A levels and is principally for students wanting to progress directly into work as an equine management assistant or supervisor. Its size means there is time in a study programme to take an additional level 3 qualification to support progression to more specialist employment.

The suite also includes the following qualifications.

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management**, which is the smallest qualification in the suite and is equivalent in size to one A level. It is for students wishing to work in the equine management sector, but in roles that would be best supported with supplementing fields of study.

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management**, which is equivalent in size to 1.5 A levels and is for students looking for a one-year course, perhaps after taking further level 2 qualifications, and who are intending to gain employment directly, or to progress to an apprenticeship in equine management.

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Equitation)**, which is equivalent in size to 2 A levels and is principally for students wanting to progress directly into work as an equine instructor or exercise rider. Its size means there is time in a study programme to take an additional level 3 qualification to support progression to more specialist employment.

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Pearson National Extended Diploma in Equine Management**, which is equivalent in size to 3 A levels and introduces a greater amount of science content. It is for students who know they want to work within the equine management sector, either directly or following a sector-related degree.

For more detail of the other qualifications listed here, and the different progression opportunities they particularly support, please refer to their statements of purpose.

## This qualification is supported by the following organisations

### Professional body

British Horse Society

### Employers

Andrew Monnington and Partners, Mapsons Farm

Beatrice Boyle, McTimoney Animal Practitioner

Blue Cross

Horse Trust

Kontakt Dressage

**Higher Education**

Myerscough College

Royal Agricultural University

University of Chester

University of the West of England