



Pearson

Purpose Statement

Name of regulated qualification	
QAN: 601/9059/0	Title: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Equine Management (1080 GLH)

Overview
<p>The equine management sector</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Who is this qualification for?</p> <p>The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Equine Management is intended as a Tech Level qualification, equivalent in size to 3 A levels, and is designed to meet the Tech Bacc measure when studied alongside level 3 mathematics and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Outside the Tech Bacc, it will normally be the only qualification in a two-year study programme. It is particularly for students looking for a full-time course specialising in the equine management sector, and who have a firm intention of progressing to employment in one of the wide variety of roles available.</p> <p>As well as direct entry to employment, this qualification will prepare students for higher study of a specialist degree or BTEC Higher National Diploma. This route gives the opportunity to enter the sector at a higher level, or in a more specialist role.</p> <p>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, including English, mathematics and science.</p>

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 equine management:

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

Students will be able to add six optional units to the mandatory content. These have been designed to support progression to a range of employment opportunities in the equine management sector, and 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 business management
- horse fitness
- schooling horses on the flat
- managing an equine event
- theory of training horses
- riding horses in the open
- ground poles and gridwork for horses
- showjumping and cross-country courses
- estates and grassland management
- working horses from the ground
- introduction to equestrian coaching
- equine stud management
- managing equine injuries and rehabilitation
- investigative research project
- practical skills in animal science
- animal metabolism
- equine function at the cellular level.

All students taking this qualification will be required to engage with sector employers as part of their course, including 300 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 in the equine management sector, and is suitable for those wishing to enter a particular specialist area of work, such as:

- equine event manager
- yard manager
- stud hand
- riding instructor
- head groom.

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 meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses, for example:

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

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 Pearson National Extended Diploma in Equine Management** 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.

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 which 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 onto an apprenticeship in equine management.

The **Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Equine Management (Yard Management)**, which 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 qualification to support progression to more specialist employment.

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 qualification to support progression to more specialist employment.

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

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British Horse Society

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