



Pearson

## Purpose Statement

<b>Name of regulated qualification</b>	
<b>QAN: 601/9064/4</b>	<b>Title: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management (360 GLH)</b>

<b>Overview</b>
<p><b>The equine management sector</b></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><b>Who is this qualification for?</b></p> <p>The <b>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management</b> is intended as a Tech Level qualification, equivalent in size to one A level and, as such, is designed to meet the Tech Bacc measure when studied alongside level 3 mathematics and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This qualification offers an engaging programme to support students who aspire to a career in the equine industry. This size of qualification allows students to study related and complementary qualifications without duplication of content. It provides good preparation for someone considering an apprenticeship in the equine sector. When taken alongside further level 3 qualifications, it also supports access to a range of higher education courses in the Equine management sector.</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.</p> <p><b>What does the qualification cover?</b></p> <p>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</p>

the sector. In addition, higher education representatives have been involved to ensure that it fully supports progression towards higher study.

There are four mandatory units, which cover the following aspects of equine management:

- equine structure, form and function
- work experience in the equine sector
- horse tack, equipment and rugs
- 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 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 behaviour
- riding horses in the open
- estates and grassland management
- introduction to equestrian coaching.

All students taking this qualification will be required to engage with sector employers as part of their course, including 75 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 is designed primarily to support progression to employment in entry level roles such as:

- trainee stable yard worker
- trainee groom.

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.

For those students seeking direct employment, other qualifications that complement this qualification are:

- EQL Level 2 Diploma for the Ride Leader
- BHS Riding and Road Safety Test.

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

Because the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Equine Management is generally taken alongside other level 3 qualifications, as part of a two-year programme of learning, students will be able to choose to progress to a range of specialist degree programmes.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. For example, if taken alongside A levels in Biology and Chemistry, or a BTEC level 3 Diploma in the relevant field of study, such as Applied Science, it could lead to:

- BSc (Hons) in Equine Sports Coaching
- BSc (Hons) in Equine Sports Science
- BSc (Hons) in 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.

Students may also progress on to an apprenticeship.

## 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 Extended Certificate in Equine Management** is the smallest qualification in the suite and is equivalent in size to one A level. It is for students interested in learning about the equine management sector, with supplementing fields of study.

The suite also includes the following qualifications.

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 (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 level 3 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 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 has additional mandatory and optional 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

Kontäkt Dressage

#### **Higher Education**

Myerscough College

Royal Agricultural University

University of Chester

University of the West of England