



Pearson

## Purpose Statement

<b>Name of regulated qualification</b>	
<b>QAN: 601/9066/8</b>	<b>Title: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Equine Management (540 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 Foundation Diploma in Equine Management** is intended as a Tech Level qualification, equivalent in size to 1.5 A levels, and is designed to meet the Tech Bacc measure when studied alongside level 3 mathematics and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). It provides a one-year full-time course that is a comprehensive introduction to the sector, and is primarily for students intending to gain employment directly, or to progress to an apprenticeship or a higher-level equine management qualification.

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 six mandatory units, which cover the following aspects of equine management:

- 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 management sector and, when taken alongside other level 3 qualifications, 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
- equine business management
- 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 150 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 support roles in the equine management sector. In addition to being prepared for jobs such as trainee stable yard worker or trainee groom, this qualification will also support progression to employment as an assistant groom or a yard assistant with the additional skills gained from the unit Preparation and Presentation for Competition Disciplines.

If taken alongside additional qualifications such as:

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National 90-credit Diploma in Agriculture, it may support entry to livestock assistant roles
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma 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.

Students can access roles such as an equine care worker in sanctuaries, with charities, or in animal-related businesses.

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

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

Students may be able to take on more supervisory roles or roles with greater responsibility, or seek employment through an equine management apprenticeship.

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

Students who have completed this qualification in a year may progress to further learning at level 3; for example, a second BTEC Foundation Diploma in a complementary sector, or to a larger size BTEC National in Equine Management.

When achieved alongside other level 3 qualifications as part of a two-year programme of learning, students will be able to progress to a range of degree programmes in the equine management sector.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements for many relevant courses. For example, if taken alongside AS/A Levels in Biology and Chemistry, it could lead to a:

- 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.

The qualification could also lead to:

- BSc (Hons) Equine Behaviour, if taken alongside AS/A Level Biology and Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Equine Business Management, if taken alongside a BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Business
- BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Coaching, if taken alongside a Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation in Sports or Sports Science

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 Foundation Diploma in Equine Management** is equivalent in size to 1.5 A levels and is likely to be chosen over the Extended Certificate 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. Its size and specialist mandatory and optional units mean extra skills and knowledge will be gained for assistant yard worker and assistant grooms roles.

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 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 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