

ABC Awards – a guide to our Land Based & Environmental VRQs



ABC Awards (ABC) suite of Land Based & Environmental vocationally related qualifications are aimed at candidates across all levels and abilities. They are all accredited by QCA and therefore eligible for LSC funding.

These qualifications are aimed at a wide target market and provide progression routes through ABC's own portfolio and onto other vocational/national qualifications.

Level 2 Certificate in Small Animal Care

This qualification is designed primarily for those who wish to enter the animal care industry through a range of topics of practical use in various animal care businesses. It is ideal for those seeking employment or currently in employment at kennels, catteries, pet stores or veterinary surgeries/animal dispensaries, as it provides knowledge and skills in association with work experience. The guided learning hours for this qualification are 180.

Units

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Nutrition and Feeding of Dogs and Cats
- Reception – Dealing with Information and People
- Health and Hygiene
- Breeding
- Other Small Animals
- Animal First Aid

Level 3 Award and Certificate in Small Animal Care

ABC Awards offers a Small Animal Care scheme at Level 2 and Level 3, with in-course assessment and examinations at each level. These qualifications have been devised to stand on their own or as additions to other animal care courses. ABC's Level 3 Small Animal Care is offered as an Award (90 guided learning hours) or a Certificate (180 guided learning hours).

Units (Award)

- Unit 1 Small Animal Genetics and Breed Selection 60GLH and 1 option unit chosen from the list below:
- Unit 2 Dog Grooming
- Unit 3 Caring for Sick Animals
- Unit 4 Kennel and Cattery Management
- Unit 5 Managing a Pet Store
- Unit 6 Exotic Small Animal
- Unit 7 Business Planning in the Small Animal Care Industry

The ABC Level 3 Certificate in Small Animal Care is made up of the 1 Mandatory Unit, Small Animal Genetics and Breed Selection and 4 option units chosen from those listed above.

Level 2 Certificate for Animal Nursing Assistants

The ABC Animal Nursing Assistants qualification (in association with the British Veterinary Nursing Association) was designed for candidates seeking a specialised qualification to enhance their existing contribution in the workplace, with the overall aim being to prepare candidates for a career in animal care or Veterinary Nursing, based within a Veterinary Practice. Candidates who successfully complete the course, the examination and case log book will be able to register as a student veterinary nurse on the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Veterinary Nurse training scheme provided that they are employed in a RCVS Veterinary Nursing Approved Centre (VNAC) or Training Practice (TP).

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*Qualifications suitable for 14-19 year old candidates

Units

- Anatomy and Physiology of the Dog and Cat
- Anatomy and Physiology – Reptiles, Birds, Fish and Small Animals
- Veterinary Animal Management
- Animal care and Pet Ownership
- Basic Veterinary Nursing Skills
- Animal Health and Hygiene
- Veterinary Reception and Administration
- Veterinary Sales and Finance Skills

N.B. Candidates should not register for the ABC Level 2 Certificate in Small Animal Care qualification as well as this award.

Level 1 Certificate in Practical Environmental Studies*

This qualification is designed to provide candidates with an understanding of environmental conservation, together with practical skills that can be used in the workplace. The guided learning hours for this qualification is 180. Candidates will be expected to have an interest in working practically within the environment.

2 Mandatory Units

- Health and Safety for Environmental Studies
- Team Work in Environmental Studies

1 Unit from each of the Option Groups A, B and C

Option A

- Practical Skills for Grassland Areas
- Practical Skills for Woodland Areas
- Practical Skills for Coastal Areas
- Practical Skills for Pond and Wetland Areas

Option B

- Practical Skills for Hedgerows
- Prepare and Erect Different Types of Fencing
- Practical Skills for Dykes and Ditches
- Practical Skills for Dry Stone Walling

Option C

- Practical Skills for Footpath and Surfacing Work
- Practical Skills for Steps and Styles or Bridges or Gates
- Access and Security in the Countryside

Level 2 Certificate in Practical Environmental Studies*

This qualification is designed to offer a progression route for candidates who successfully complete ABC's Level 1 Certificate in Practical Environmental Studies. This qualification is designed to provide candidates with an understanding of environmental conservation, together with practical skills that can be used in the workplace. The ABC Level 2 Certificate in Practical Environmental Studies is made up of the following mandatory units:

- Unit 1 Health and Safety for Environmental Studies
- Unit 2 Team Work in Environmental Studies
- Unit 3 Planning for Environmental Operations

To achieve a Level 2 Certificate Studies, candidates will need to also complete 3 additional units, one from each of the following options A, B and C.

OPTION A

- Unit 4 Practical Skills for Grassland Areas

Habitat

- Unit 5 Practical Skills for Woodland Areas
- Unit 6 Practical Skills for Coastal Areas
- Unit 7 Practical Skills for Ponds and Wetlands

OPTION B

- Unit 8 Practical Skills for Hedgerows

Boundaries

- Unit 9 Prepare and Erect Different Types of Fencing
- Unit 10 Practical Skills for Dry Stone Walling

OPTION C

- Unit 11 Practical Skills for Footpath and Surfacing Work

Access

- Unit 12 Practical Skills for Steps and Structures
- Unit 13 Access and Security for the Countryside

Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture (Theory)

This qualification is appropriate for people working in Arboriculture, in both the public and private sectors. It will complement existing training and experience and provide evidence of knowledge of Arboriculture. This scheme is a useful first step for the students who may go on to take the ABC Level 3 Technician's Certificate in Arboriculture and/or the Professional Diploma in Arboriculture. The guided learning hours for this qualification are 180 (1 year part time).

Units

- Describing soil formation, nutrient requirements, associated problems and treatment
- Understanding tree biology, physiology, causes and signs of ill health and treatments
- The selection, supply, planting and aftercare of plants to include nomenclature
- Tree surgery operations including health and safety, equipment maintenance
- Carrying out tree inspection/surveys and understanding statute and common law
- Basic understanding of woodlands and forestry to include ecology

Level 3 Technician's Certificate in Arboriculture

This qualification will be suited to candidates involved in the practical side of the industry and wish to progress into a more managerial role. It is ideal for those working in related disciplines such as horticulture, forestry, countryside management, landscape architecture and planning. The award gives the opportunity for tree officers, technicians and those involved in tree survey work to achieve a recognised vocational qualification. The guided learning hours for this qualification are 180.

Units

- Plant Function, Growth and the Soil Environment
- Woodland Ecology and Management
- Plant Supply and Utilisation
- Tree Condition
- The Management of Trees in the Environment
- Personnel and Organisational Management
- Business Finance and Support
- Trees and the Law

Level 6 Professional Diploma in Arboriculture

This award is designed for candidates who consider it advantageous if not essential for employment in senior positions, and for individuals working in arboriculture, in both the public and private sectors, who have identified it necessary to complement

their experience and to provide evidence of their competence at a high level.

Units

- Tree Biology and Management of their Environment.
- Management of Tree Health and the Identification, Prevention and Control of Disorders.
- Tree Management, Urban Forestry and Tree Maintenance.
- Management and Organisation of Tree Care Operations.
- The Processes of Selection, Purchase, Handling, Planning and Planting Trees.
- Management of Amenity Woodlands, Veteran Trees and Tree Ecosystems.

The qualification has been allocated 180 guided learning hours for completion.

Level 2 Certificate in Sustainable Energy

This qualification aims to develop industry specific skills/knowledge and more generic transferable skills/knowledge to help build capacity to deliver the targets for growth in renewable energy as part of the government strategy for energy in the UK. It is also hoped that it will increase knowledge of employment opportunities in the renewable energy sector. The guided learning hours for this qualification are 210.

3 Mandatory Units

Unit 1 Safe Working Practices in the Renewables Industry
Unit 2 Sustainability and the Renewables Industry
Unit 3 Contribute to Positive Working Relationship in the Renewables Industry

3 Option Units

Candidates will need to follow either:

Option A The Wood Fuel Pathway or
Option B The Wind Power Pathway

Option A Wood Fuel

Unit 4 Fuel Supply Technology – Biomass Fuel
Unit 5 Converting Biomass to energy and power
Unit 6 Maintenance of Biomass Fuel Systems

Option B Wind Power

Unit 7 Fuel Supply Technology – Wind Fuel
Unit 8 Converting Wind to energy and power
Unit 9 Maintenance of Wind Fuel Systems

ABC Awards (ABC) is a major provider of Vocationally Related, and National Vocational Qualifications in the UK. We work with representatives from Sector Skills Councils, QCA and industry bodies to ensure that qualifications are developed to the standards required for the National Qualifications Framework.

ABC's portfolio contains over 250 accredited qualifications and there is the opportunity for all schools, colleges and training organisations to become approved as centres to offer any number of ABC's qualifications.

ABC has a broad choice of qualifications, from Entry Level to Level 6, all offering stepping stones to success. Each qualification is assessed in a rigorous but user-friendly manner and most are in manageable bites of learning. It is ABC's aim to open up opportunities for students and to widen participation in education.

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