

## **Purpose Statement**

### **SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture**

#### **England**

**Level 2 Certificate – 501/1411/6**

#### **Wales**

**Level 2 Certificate – C00/0291/1**



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## Overview

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The Certificate in Arboriculture is designed for those people working in arboriculture, in both the public and private sectors, to complement their training and experience, and to provide evidence of their knowledge of arboriculture.

This qualification is the theory component of the Royal Forestry Society (RFS) Certificate in Arboriculture but is also a valuable stand-alone award for those who plan to work in arboriculture or would like to increase their knowledge of tree, woodland and forest management.

Learners, who have passed the SEG Awards L2 Certificate in Arboriculture, should consider the completion of the full RFS Certificate in Arboriculture. This is achieved via the completion of appropriate competence tests to validate their practical ability. The practical competence tests are provided by NPTC and LANTRA. Full details of the tests are available on the RFS website <https://rfs.org.uk/>. Details of the approved training centres where you can undertake Certificates of Competence can be found at the following link [here](#).

For further information relating to the issuing of the full RFS Certificate in Arboriculture please contact the RFS Education Manager at: [education@rfs.org.uk](mailto:education@rfs.org.uk) or Royal Forestry Society, The Hay Barns, Home Farm Drive, Upton Estate, Banbury OX15 6HU.

## Who are these qualifications for?

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The SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture has been designed for adults and young people (16+) who have an interest in the subject area and are looking to develop work-related skills. It is also suitable for those of you working in forestry in both the public and private sectors, to complement your training and experience and to provide evidence of your knowledge of Arboriculture.

There are no specific qualification requirements for entry onto the Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture. However, it would be advisable to have some prior knowledge of the land based industry. Qualifications that might provide useful include:

- SEG Awards Level 1 Award/Certificate in Practical Environmental and Conservation Skills
- SEG Awards Level 1 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills

Alternatively voluntary or unpaid employment in a land based role could provide a useful entry onto this qualification. However, to commence the qualification learners do not need to be in work.

Skills and Education Group Awards expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a learner's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit/s or the full qualification.

## **What does this qualification cover?**

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The SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture (501/1411/6) provides you the learner with the technical and practical knowledge that businesses need. This qualification will enable you to specialise in the following job roles: Forester, Woodsman, Chainsaw Operator, Forestry Contractor and Assistant Woodland Officer, Arboricultural Officer, Ground Worker.

This 21 credit qualification has five mandatory units – three 3 credit units, one 4 credit unit and one 5 credit unit. The remaining credit can be attained by choosing one 3 credit optional unit. This qualification is 100% vocational in its content.

You will cover aspects of the following:

### **Mandatory Units**

- The interaction of soil environments and woody plants
- Woody plant physiology
- The supply, planting and aftercare of woody plants.
- Principles of tree surgery operations
- Tree inspections and statute and common law applied to trees

### **Optional Units**

- The principles of aerial tree surgery and ground based arboricultural operations

- Principles of woodlands, forestry and ecology
- The principles of managing special trees
- Principles of tree surgery equipment use and maintenance

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

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The development of your knowledge, understanding and skills through achieving the ABC Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture enables you as an individual to enter into employment and in conjunction with further learning work in the following job roles:

- Arboricultural consultant
- Arboricultural surveyor
- Arborist

## **Will these qualifications lead to further learning?**

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Successful achievement of the SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Arboriculture provides you with a suitable grounding in arboriculture to progress onto further specific training and skills development onto a variety of vocational qualifications. Learners who achieve this qualification could progress onto the SEG Awards Level 4 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Arboriculture, or gain promotion to a more senior position within existing employment.

## **Who supports this qualification?**

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This qualification is recognised by [Arboricultural Association](#) & [Royal Forestry Society](#) as providing the skills required for this industry.

### **For further information visit**

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