

Purpose Statement

ABC Level 6 Diploma in Arboriculture (600/2785/X)

Overview

The Level 6 Certificate and Diploma in Arboriculture are designed for those people working in arboriculture, in both the public and private sectors, to develop a high level of professional knowledge of arboriculture enabling learners to apply the essential skills, knowledge and understanding required for employment at senior level in arboriculture and related industries.

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land based industries.

Who is this qualification for?

The ABC Level 6 Diploma in Arboriculture has been designed for adults and young people (19+) currently working in arboriculture, both in the public and private sectors, either to provide opportunities for progression to senior positions or to complement their experience and provide evidence of their competence at a high level.

There are no specific qualification requirements for entry onto the Level 6 Diploma in Arboriculture. However, it would be advisable to have some prior knowledge of the land based industry. Qualifications that might provide useful include:

Further Education

- Level 3 Certificate or Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture
- Level 4 Certificate or Diploma in Arboriculture

Work-based learning

- Trees and Timber Advanced Apprenticeship

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.

What does the qualification cover?

This 60 credit qualification has five mandatory units: one: 9 credit, two 8 credits and one 6 credit units. You must achieve a minimum of 48 credits. The remaining credits can be attained from the optional units. This qualification is 100% vocational in its content.

Mandatory Units

- Selection, planting and design with hardy nursery stock for amenity and landscape purposes
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- Tree and hedge management
- Planning and development in arboriculture
- Tree risk management
- Arboricultural plant health
- Independent research project in arboriculture

Optional Units

- Woodland management
- New native woodland planting

- Management of special trees
- Structural damage investigations for the arboriculturist

What could this qualification lead to?

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

The ABC Level 6 Certificate in Arboriculture (600/2586/4) provides you with the technical and practical knowledge that businesses need. This qualification should enable you to specialise in the following job roles:

- Owner/manager of a tree work company
- Arboricultural contracts manager
- Tree Officer
- Consultants
- College lecturer
- Arboriculture/woodland consultant

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

This qualification provides suitable skills and experience to progress to other higher level qualifications. In addition, achievement of this qualification should provide a solid foundation of skills supporting progression to higher levels of responsibility and opening up the possibility of entrepreneurial activities such as starting one's own business

Higher Education:

- BSc Honours Degrees – Arboriculture, Arboriculture and Urban Forestry, Sustainable Forestry Management, Forestry
- Post Graduate Diploma (PGdip) or Masters (MSc) – Arboriculture, Forestry
- Related Professional courses

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

The Level 4 Diploma in Arboriculture is part of a larger suite of Arboriculture qualifications:

- Level 6 Certificate in Arboriculture
- Level 6 Diploma in Arboriculture

The reason for having varying sizes of qualification in the suite at Level 6 is to meet the various needs of you the learner. You can top-up, or build up knowledge and skills before moving to the next level of learning, if arboriculture is your career decision.

The Diploma is appropriate for you if you have completed the Certificate and committed to further learning through a bite sized approach, or for more motivated learners who are ready to make a longer commitment to learning, without first undertaking the smaller Certificate sized qualification. The Certificate allows you to develop across a broad area depending on your specific needs and interests, with the Diploma providing an extension on the Certificate.

It is hoped that learners who successfully complete this qualification can move forward with increased confidence into further training.

Who supports the qualification?

Industry

- Lantra
- John Cromar's Arboricultural Company Ltd

- Patrick Stileman Ltd. Arboricultural Consultancy

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the qualification can be found at

[http://www.abcawards.co.uk/qualifications/Arboriculture and Forestry/L6 Diploma in Arboriculture](http://www.abcawards.co.uk/qualifications/Arboriculture%20and%20Forestry/L6%20Diploma%20in%20Arboriculture)