

## **Purpose Statement**

### **SEG Awards ABC Level 1 Award and Level 1 Certificate in Practical Environmental and Conservation Skills**

**Level 1 Award – 500/4086/8**

**Level 1 Certificate - 500/4085/6**



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## Overview

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The ABC Level 1 Award and Certificates in Practical Environmental and Conservation Skills provide learners with an understanding of environmental conservation, together with practical skills that can be used in the workplace. They will help learners to decide whether to undertake further training or employment within this occupational area.

## Benefits for learners

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These qualifications provide learners with an introduction to environmental conservation, and offers practical skills that can be used in the workplace and /or to improve future job prospects. Learners will complete these qualifications with a concrete understanding of the following:

- Health and safety for environmental studies, including risk assessment, safety procedures, first aid awareness, and PPE maintenance of equipment
- A responsible attitude to health and safety at work, hygiene and general working conditions
- The importance of effective communication in co- operative working
- Optional units include: Practical Skills for Grassland Areas, Practical Skills for Ditches, Access and Security in the Countryside, and more

## Who is the qualification for?

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The qualification is designed for learners from a wide variety of backgrounds, including:

- 14-16 year olds, who wish to obtain a practical qualification in environmental conservation through vocational study
- School-leavers (16+) who are keen to undertake a more practical qualification in a realistic working environment / non-traditional learning environment
- Mature learners who are returning to study, particularly for people working in conservation, conservation projects, wildlife schemes, rehabilitation, regeneration of rare species, creation of habitat, enclosures, boundaries, wildlife corridors as well as creation of access to view and enjoy

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 the qualification cover?**

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### **Level 1 Award:**

Rules of Combination: Learners must achieve a minimum of 9 / maximum of 12 credits. This will include 5 credits from the mandatory units. Only one unit can be chosen from Group B, the optional Level 2 units.

The SEG Awards ABC Level 1 Award in Practical Environmental and Conservation Skills qualification covers the following topics:

### **Mandatory Units**

- Health and safety for environmental studies – 2 credits
- Team work in environmental studies – 3 credits

### **Group B – Level 1 Optional Units**

- Practical skills for grassland areas – 5 credits
- Practical skills for woodland areas – 6 credits
- Practical skills for coastal areas – 4 credits
- Practical skills for pond and wetland areas – 5 credits
- Practical skills for hedgerows – 5 credit
- Prepare and erect post and timber fencing – 4 credits
- Practical skills for ditches – 5 credits
- Practical skills for dry stone walls – 6 credits
- Practical skills for footpath and surfacing work – 5 credits
- Practical skills for bio swales – 6 credits
- Practical skills for eco grass swales – 4 credits
- Practical skills for eco mulch swales – 4 credits
- Practical skills for floating reed beds – 5 credits
- Access and security in the countryside – 5 credits

### **Group C - Level 2 Optional Units (Learners may choose only one unit from this group)**

- Collect, sort and process materials for recycling – 3 credits
- Transport physical resources within the work area – 2 credits
- Load and unload physical resources within the work area – 2 credits

### **Level 1 Certificate:**

Rules of Combination: Learners must achieve a minimum of 18 credits. This will include 5 credits from the mandatory units plus a minimum of 13 credits from Group A, or a minimum of 14 credits from one of the following pathways:

Group B – Habitat

Group C – Boundaries

Group D – Access

### **Mandatory Units**

- Health and safety for environmental studies – 2 credits
- Team work in environmental studies – 3 credits

### **Group A – Level 1 Optional Units**

- Practical skills for grassland areas – 5 credits
- Practical skills for woodland areas – 6 credits
- Practical skills for coastal areas – 4 credits
- Practical skills for pond and wetland areas – 5 credits
- Practical skills for hedgerows – 5 credit
- Prepare and erect post and timber fencing – 4 credits
- Practical skills for ditches – 5 credits
- Practical skills for dry stone walls – 6 credits
- Practical skills for footpath and surfacing work – 5 credits
- Practical skills for bio swales – 6 credits
- Practical skills for eco grass swales – 4 credits
- Practical skills for eco mulch swales – 4 credits
- Practical skills for floating reed beds – 5 credits
- Access and security in the countryside – 5 credits
- Practical skills for steps and gates – 6 credits
- Practical skills for effluent cleansing reed beds – 6 credits
- Practical skills for naturalised reed beds – 6 credits

### **Group B – Habitat Pathway**

- Practical skills for grassland areas – 5 credits
- Practical skills for woodland areas – 6 credits
- Practical skills for coastal areas – 4 credits
- Practical skills for pond and wetland areas – 5 credits

### **Group C – Boundaries Pathway**

- Practical skills for hedgerows – 5 credits
- Prepare and erect post and timber fencing – 4 credits
- Practical skills for ditches – 5 credits
- Practical skills for dry stone walls – 6 credits

### **Group D – Access Pathway**

- Practical skills for footpath and surfacing work – 5 credits
- Access and security in the countryside – 5 credits
- Practical skills for steps and gates – 6 credits

## **What could this qualification lead to?**

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These qualifications develop work-related and employability skills in the conservation sector. It also provides essential industry knowledge to help learners make informed career decisions. Learners will complete these qualifications with a concrete understanding of the following:

- Recognise trees and plants and their importance to wildlife
- Optional units include: Plant Young Trees, Maintain an Area of Habitat, Shred Waste Vegetation, and more

## **Will this qualification lead to further learning?**

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Learners who complete these qualifications can progress to the SEG Awards ABC Level 2 Practical, Environmental and Conservation Skills. They could also move onto the Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Environmental Conservation or into other areas within the Land Based Industries.

Centres should be aware that Reasonable Adjustments which may be permitted for assessment may in some instances limit a learner's progression into the sector. Centres must, therefore, inform learners of any limits their learning difficulty may impose on future progression.

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