

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Entry Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills

Entry Level 2 Award – 600/7923/X

Entry Level 2 Certificate – 600/7691/4

Entry Level 2 Diploma – 600/7692/6



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Overview

The suite of SEG Awards qualifications in Practical Countryside Skills (Entry 2 – Level 1) has been developed in collaboration with industry, providers and Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land based industries.

The SEG Awards Entry Level Award, Certificate and Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills (E2) offers you practical experience, with an opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the countryside sector. Due to the flexible nature of this qualification you are able to explore different vocational areas including: Animal Care, Horticulture & Conservation, Floristry and Agriculture.

Such practical experience will support your engagement, participation and achievement, assisting you in deciding whether to undertake further education/training or potentially employment within this occupational area.

Who are these qualifications for?

These introductory Entry Level 2 qualifications are suitable for you (14+) who intend to work in the land based industries and for those who are just starting out and are interested in developing basic practical skills and knowledge needed to move on to further education/training or get an entry-level job working in Animal care, Horticulture, Conservation, Floristry or Agriculture.

These qualifications are also suitable for those learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and it may also include disengaged learners for whom mainstream education is not appropriate.

There are no formal qualification requirements for entry onto the Entry Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills (E2).

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 do these qualifications cover?

The flexible structure of these qualifications enables you the opportunity to tailor your learning in areas of interest that deliver a basic introduction to the sector. You are able to choose from the following sectors:

- **Animal care** – assist with the care of animals
- **Horticulture and Conservation** – working with plants and a basic introduction to habitat management
- **Floristry** – basic floral buttonholes and awareness of floristry materials, accessories and tools
- **Agriculture** – assisting with livestock accommodation maintenance, food preparation and weighing and recording of farm animals.

Will these qualifications lead to further learning?

Successful completion of the Entry Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Practical Countryside Skills does not lead directly into employment but provides you with a basic introduction at Entry level of the practical skills and knowledge needed to potentially work within the land based industry. It provides you with both experience and knowledge on which to base future career and associated progression decisions.

The achievement of these basic introductory qualifications will prepare you for progression into and through further vocational training, for example:

- Entry Level 3 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Practical: Countryside Skills or Horticulture Skills
- Entry Level 3 Award and Certificate in Practical Farm/Small Animal Care Skills

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 Entry Level (E2) Award is part of the Entry level suite qualifications: Award, Certificate and Diploma. You can progress onto the Entry Level Certificate or Diploma and then Level 1 Award/Certificate and Diploma sized qualifications.

The necessity for this suite of varying sized qualifications is to ensure you who especially have no qualifications in this area, have an opportunity for incremental learning (bite-sized), to obtain an awareness and experience of the basic skills that can be built upon to develop and progress further in a variety of land-based areas.

The **Award** sized qualification is particularly designed as a short programme of study as an entry level taster providing you with the opportunity to develop practical skills in several land-based areas. This qualification is suitable for you if you have special educational needs and wish to develop accessible practical skills in order to take your first step towards working or volunteering in the countryside sector.

The **Certificate** sized qualification is more suitable for you if you are seeking to develop practical skills to overcome barriers to entering work, returning to learning after a long period of time or for those seeking a career change and are not sure if the land-based sector is for you. It provides a flexible bank of units that can be tailored into specialised learning packages in areas that interest you. The units offer a basic introduction (Entry 2) to the land-based industries, providing an overview of potential occupations and job roles within. The overall aim is to provide you with both skills experience and knowledge on which to base future career and associated progression decision for further learning.

The **Diploma** provides a larger and more comprehensive programme of study for those who wish to make a longer term commitment, without first undertaking the smaller Award or Certificate. Predominantly this qualification is for those who wish to progress onto further training and to study full-time at College at Level 1. You have the option of selecting Entry Level 3 units to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding and associated skills of a particular area of the countryside sector.



With the Diploma there is potential for this qualification to assist you looking for employment in the land-based sector (entry level jobs), if you do not intend to progress in further learning.

These qualifications will support, encourage and contribute to you operating effectively in life, learning and work.

The different size qualifications add depth and breadth to the sector being studied without duplicating the learning covered by each qualification

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