

## Purpose Statement

# SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders - 610/3685/7

## Overview

The qualification was developed with the knowledge and support of the Forest School Association, the organisation responsible for guidance and best practice in the Forest Schools sector.

The key areas covered include:

- Forest School Programme: Delivery
- Forest School Programme: Learning and Development
- Forest School Programme: Planning and Preparation
- Forest School Programme: Practical Skills
- Forest School Programme: The Woodland Environment

Each individual unit is assessed through the completion of an assessment task/s related to the specific unit.

## Who is this qualification for?

The qualification is designed to meet the needs of teachers and teaching assistants, adults and professionals in training as a 'Forest School Leader' so that they can plan and lead groups in 'Forest School' programmes and activities.

There are no entry requirements for this qualification. However, learners **must** be at least **19** years old to access the qualification and **cannot** act as Forest School Leaders until they are **21**.

**NOTE: Blended learning is accepted for this qualification where elements of theory are covered. Due to the nature of the qualification and its purpose, learners MUST spend at least 80% of the guided learning hours in the presence of their trainer/assessor in an outdoors setting (i.e. 75 hours of the 96 GLH's 'face to face'.**

## What does the qualification cover?

Upon successful completion of the SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders, learners will be able to:

- Learners will gain knowledge and skills to facilitate and evaluate a Forest School Programme

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- Learners will gain knowledge of the benefits of woodlands, their structures and management
- Learners will gain introductory knowledge and understanding of the Forest School pedagogy and approach to learning and development
- Learners will gain practical skills and be able to teach practical skills to Forest School participants
- Learners will gain knowledge of the benefits of woodlands, their structures and management

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

This qualification is designed to enable learners to progress to further study in 'Forest School' training and in other subjects within the wider 'Horticulture and Forestry' sector.

It can be used to enable learners to progress into employment, for example as a 'Forest School Leader'.

The qualification could provide progression to:

- Foundation Degree in Environmental Conservation Management
- BSC Rural Land Management
- Forestry and Arboriculture Course

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 / physical difficulty may impose on future progression.

## **Further Information**

Further information on this qualification can be found on the Skills and Education Group Awards website.

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