

## SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders – 610/7061/0

### Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders 610/7061/0 is a nationally recognised qualification that prepares learners to support individuals in Forest School programmes and outdoor learning.

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 primary purpose of the qualification is to prepare for further learning or training by developing knowledge in a subject area.

**Note:** All learners **must** plan and deliver **six** pilot Forest School sessions as part of the SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders qualification. These sessions are a **mandatory** requirement but **DO NOT** contribute to the Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for the qualification. They **must** therefore be completed **in addition** to the published GLH's of 96.

### 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.

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders 610/7061/0 is designed for learners, **18 years of age and over but are unable to act as Forest School Leaders until they are 21.**

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.

This qualification is appropriate for use in the following age ranges:

- > 18+

**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?**

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders comprises of 5 Mandatory units as follow:

- > Forest School Programme: Delivery
- > Forest School Programme: Learning and Development
- > Forest School Programme: Planning and Preparation
- > Forest School Programme: Practical Skills
- > Forest School Programme: Woodland as a Learning Environment

Upon successful completion of the units learners will,

- > Gain knowledge and skills to facilitate and evaluate a Forest School Programme
- > Gain knowledge of the benefits of woodlands, their structures and management
- > Gain introductory knowledge and understanding of the Forest School pedagogy and approach to learning and development
- > Gain practical skills and be able to teach practical skills to Forest School participants
- > Gain knowledge of the benefits of woodlands, their structures and management

### **Assessment**

This qualification is assessed through internal assessment, internal and external moderation. Each unit is accompanied by specific assessment criteria that define the requirements for achievement. Specific requirements and restrictions may apply to individual units within qualifications. Please check unit and qualification details for specific information.

This qualification will be awarded to learners who successfully achieve **all** five of the mandatory units within the qualification in accordance with the Rules of Combination, by meeting **all** the specified Assessment Criteria and **all** the learning outcomes.

Centres **must** take all reasonable steps to avoid any part of the assessment of a learner (including any internal quality assurance and invigilation) being undertaken by any person who has a personal interest in the result of the assessment.

## 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 **must** ensure that their learners are referenced to the following:

- > The professional standards for FS practice (as set out here in the FSA Recognised FS Provider Scheme Application Form: <https://forestschoollassociation.org/join-the-fsa-as-a-school-and-organisation-member/> and summarised in the link below) and
- > The professional standards for quality FS Training (as set out here in the FSA Endorsed FS Trainer Scheme Application Form: <https://forestschoollassociation.org/forest-school-trainer-quality-assurance-scheme/> and summarised in the link below)

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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.

## Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is recognised by the [Forest School Association](#) (FSA) as providing the skills required for this industry.

## **Further Information**

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

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