



Vocational Qualifications

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN CONTROLLING RISKS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY IN AGRICULTURE/ HORTICULTURE

For anyone working in the sector, or considering joining it.

- **The Level 3 Certificate forms part of a progressive suite of qualifications tailored to the needs of the agricultural and horticultural industries**
- **The qualification addresses key health and safety issues in each industry as identified by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)**
- **It addresses the requirements of health and safety legislation and relevant regulations**
- **The qualification was developed in consultation with, and endorsed by, the HSE, the National Farmers Union (NFU) and the Transport & General Workers Union (TGWU)**
- **It is appropriately linked to each industry and to Employment National Occupational Standards**
- **It allows progression to further training and provides the possibility of new career opportunities**
- **Additional qualifications within the suite include the Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely in Agriculture/ Horticulture and the Level 4 Certificate in Managing Health and Safety in Agriculture/ Horticulture**

Nationally recognised qualifications

The Certificate in Controlling Risks to Health and Safety in Agriculture/ Horticulture is a vocational qualification recognised throughout the UK. Positioned within the National Qualifications Framework at Level 3, this qualification is related to the industry and employment national occupational standards upon which National and Scottish Vocational Qualifications (NVQs/SVQs) are based. Through Lantra SSC and ENTO, the standards are set and kept up to date by employers, the land-based sector and health and safety specialists, so you can be sure that the certificate incorporates all the appropriate knowledge and current information relating to best working practices.

Health and safety concerns in the sectors

Agriculture and horticulture have one of the worst accident and occupational ill health records of any major employment sector. Over the last ten years there has been on average nearly one death a week, plus many more cases of individuals suffering injuries or ill health as a result of bad working practice. Casualties have included agricultural and horticultural workers as well as members of the public and even children.

The cost to the sectors in terms of legal claims, disruption to work, and higher insurance premiums - not to mention the resulting distress - is considerable. The legal obligations placed on employers by the Health and Safety at Work Act and allied legislation and regulations, can lead to their prosecution. Addressing health and safety issues is fundamental to the well being of the individual, to the business and to each sector as a whole.

This new suite of Certificates in Health and Safety, designed specifically for farmers and growers, has been developed to help address these issues and make the sector a safer environment in which to live and work. The initiative has the full backing of the HSE, who have identified education, skills and competences in agriculture and horticulture as a priority area for improvement.

The qualifications (including the Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely in Agriculture/ Horticulture and the Level 4 Certificate in Managing Health and Safety in Agriculture/ Horticulture) have been developed in partnership with the HSE, the TGWU and the NFU. They have further benefited from assistance and guidance from the Lantra Sector Skills Council (Lantra SSC), the Employment National Training Organisation (ENTO), the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and awarding bodies for qualifications in the land-based sector.

Contact Lantra Awards on **024 7641 9703** for more information, including how to become an approved assessment and/or training centre for the Certificates in Health and Safety. Alternatively, contact your nearest approved centre direct for more details.



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Learning and career progression

The Certificates in Health and Safety in Agriculture/ Horticulture are designed to provide for further training which, can in turn, open up new career opportunities for the individual.

Candidates can progress to the next level of certificate or to related areas of health and safety training and qualifications, including high level NVQs/SVQs. The qualifications can be very important in equipping people for supervisory and/or management roles. At the higher levels they can enable people to become health and safety specialists in training, in management or in inspection.

Achievement of the lower level certificate is normally a requirement for progression to the next level. However, candidates with appropriate knowledge and experience can gain exemptions and fast-track to the higher levels. For example, if you have already achieved relevant national occupational standards within an NVQ/SVQ, you will be able to progress directly to the certificate at level 4.

Assessment

The level 3 certificate consists of 2 compulsory units; Unit 1: a multiple choice question paper and Unit 2: a project-based assignment. Outlines of both units are given opposite.

The role of Lantra Awards

As the awarding body for this qualification, Lantra Awards approves assessment centres and assessors, and issues the results and certificates. Candidates can only be registered for the qualification through an approved centre. More details for organisations wishing to become approved centres are available from Lantra Awards.

Training

Training is recommended and a specific course can be accessed through an approved Lantra Awards training provider. It is not, however, mandatory. Candidates who feel they already have the knowledge and skills covered in the units may be assessed without training through an approved assessment centre. Contact Lantra Awards or your nearest centre for details.

The recommended guided learning hours for the level 3 certificate are 30. This needs to be supplemented with independent study.

Level 3 Certificate in Controlling Risks to Health and Safety in Agriculture/ Horticulture

Unit 1: Principles of controlling risks to health and safety (knowledge) This unit covers:

- How people's knowledge, experience and attitude affect their perception of risk
- The hierarchy of measures to control risk, and how the principle of 'so far as is reasonably practicable' will affect their application
- How to investigate accidents and incidents to establish their root and underlying cause
- How to carry out a workplace inspection and, where appropriate, how to report findings to management
- The main health and safety legislation applicable to agriculture/horticulture
- Measures to reduce risks in lone working in agriculture/ horticulture

Unit 2: Principles of controlling risks to health and safety (risk assessments) This unit covers:

- How to communicate with staff and management about health and safety issues - particularly when introducing new work equipment or using chemicals. How to discuss good working practices.
- How to complete task-specific risk assessments appropriate to agriculture/horticulture while considering others (eg members of the public, children or other visitors to the farm) who might be affected
- Control measures which meet appropriate good practice standards in agriculture/horticulture
- Who might need to know the significant findings and conclusions of risk assessments
- Other sources of guidance on good practice standards in agriculture/horticulture
- How to instruct workers and/or contractors about implementing relevant control measures
- How purchasing decisions can reduce risks to health and safety
- Understanding the differences between 'hazard' and 'risk'

For further information on the Level 3 Certificate see separate promotional leaflet or contact Lantra Awards.

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