



Vocational Qualifications CERTIFICATES IN HEALTH AND SAFETY (AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE) LEVELS 2 & 3

Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely - for anyone working in the sector, or about to join it

Level 3 Certificate in Controlling Risks to Health and Safety - for supervisors, skilled employees, unit managers, union and worker safety representatives and self-employed farmers

- Progressive suite of qualifications tailored to the needs of agriculture and horticulture
- Address key health and safety issues in the industry identified by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
- Address the requirements of health and safety legislation and regulations
- Developed in consultation with and endorsed by the HSE, NFU and TGWU
- Linked to the relevant industry and employment National Occupational Standards
- Provide progression to further training and new career opportunities.

Health and safety concerns in the sector

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, with many more people suffering injuries or ill-health. Casualties include children and other members of the public, as well as agricultural and horticultural workers.

The cost to the sector in legal claims, disruption of work, absence from work and high insurance premiums - not to mention the distress involved - is considerable. The legal obligations placed on employers by the Health and Safety at Work Act and allied legislation and regulations can lead to prosecution. Addressing health and safety issues is fundamental to the wellbeing of you, the business and the 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 the issues and make the sector a safer environment in which to live and work. The initiative has the full backing of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), who have identified education, skills and competences in agriculture and horticulture as a priority area for improvement.

The qualifications have been developed in partnership with the HSE, the Transport and General Workers Union and the National Farmers Union. They have further benefited from assistance and guidance from Lantra Sector Skills Council, the Employment National Training Organisation (ENTO), the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and awarding bodies for qualifications in the land-based sector.

Nationally recognised qualifications

The Certificates in Health and Safety (Agriculture & Horticulture) are vocational qualifications recognised throughout the UK. Positioned within the national qualifications framework at Levels 2 and 3, the qualifications are related to the industry and employment national occupational standards on which National and Scottish Vocational Qualifications (NVQs/SVQs) are based. Through Lantra Sector Skills Council and ENTO the standards are set and kept up to date by employers, land-based sector and health and safety specialists, so you can be sure that the certificates incorporate all the appropriate knowledge and best working practices.

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.

Or contact your nearest centre direct for more details.

More details overleaf.



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Learning and career progression

The Certificates in Health and Safety (Agriculture & Horticulture) are designed to provide for further training which can in turn open up new career opportunities.

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 management roles. At the higher levels they can enable people to become health and safety specialists in training, management or inspection.

Achievement of the lower level of 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 direct to the certificate at level 3.

Assessment

Each certificate has a unit which is assessed through a written test comprising multiple choice and short answers. The level 3 certificate additionally requires the compilation of a portfolio of evidence of activities specified in an additional unit. Outlines of the units are given opposite.

The role of Lantra Awards

As the awarding body for these certificates Lantra Awards approves assessment centres, trains examiners 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 an approved centre are available from Lantra Awards.

Training

Training is recommended and can be accessed through an approved training provider. It is not mandatory, however. 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.

Training involves approximately 30 hours of guidance per certificate, supplemented by independent study.

Level 2 Certificate in Working Safely (in Agriculture/Horticulture)

The level 2 certificate comprises a single unit covering:

- The effects accidents and ill health can have on businesses and people
- Your role in the business with regard to health and safety
- How to co-operate with others to improve health and safety
- How your work can affect the health and safety of others
- The consequences of safe versus unsafe behaviour and the impact that has on attitude of others towards risk
- The major sources of accidents and ill health in agriculture/horticulture
- Appropriate measures to control the risks in agriculture/horticulture
- Jobs in agriculture/horticulture which require specific standards of training and competence
- The importance of checking that measures to protect health and safety in agriculture/horticulture are effective, properly maintained and used.
- The particular risks to children and vulnerable adults from agricultural/horticultural activities and the significance of awareness and supervision.

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

The level 3 certificate has two units:

Unit 1: Principles of controlling risks to health & safety (knowledge)

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

Unit 2: Principles of controlling risks to health & safety (risk assessments)

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

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