

Qualification title	Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistant – Small Animal
Qualification level	3
Qualification number	Ofqual: QiW:

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW	
<i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i>	<p>The Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants – Small Animal qualification aims to prepare and support students for a career as a veterinary nursing assistant. All units will be taught in the context of dogs, cats and rabbits.</p> <p>This qualification provides a progression pathway to the CQ Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing</p>
<i>Are there any entry requirements?</i>	<p>There are no formal entry requirements for this award, although it is recommended that learners study for functional skills Level 2 Numeracy and Literacy if these, or equivalent, have not been achieved.</p> <p>This qualification requires the acquisition of skills and competency and as such requires a work placement in a veterinary care environment.</p>
<i>What are the key purposes of the qualification?</i>	<p>The key purposes of the qualification are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to give learners the ability to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and competently • to allow learners to grow as individuals and give them the chance to learn life skills essential for working in a veterinary practice environment, and other similar environments • to provide a progression onto other qualifications or within employment

<p><i>What does this qualification cover?</i></p>	<p>The programme will include a balance of practical learning and theoretical teaching, and use a variety of strategies to ensure students can undertake tasks proficiently.</p> <p>Clinical placements or an employed apprenticeship position will allow for the acquisition of skills and will enable students to become competent and confident in a veterinary care environment</p> <p>In order to successfully achieve the qualification a student will need to gain a pass in all units within the syllabus. All units are mandatory.</p>
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<p><i>What are the units within the syllabus?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace legislation and infection control • Animal husbandry and enrichment • Animal health and welfare • Basic anatomy and physiology • Patient care • Principles of veterinary nursing assistant support
<p><i>How is the qualification assessed?</i></p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments set by Central Qualifications and administered by Centres • Multiple choice examination set and administered by Central Qualifications <p>Practical skills will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An electronic work-based progress log (Central Skills Log). Practical skills are recorded by learners using the Central Skills Log. Clinical coaches/practical tutors confirm competency and Centres internally verify progress.

<p><i>How is the qualification graded?</i></p>	<p>Distinction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First time pass of 80% and above in all components of each theory examination ○ Distinction in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <p>Merit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First time pass in all components of each theory examination ○ Merit or above in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <p>Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pass in each theory examination ○ Pass in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log
<p><i>Who supports this qualification?</i></p>	<p>Industry: https://cqual.org/?post_type=epkb_post_type_1&p=1065&preview=true</p> <p>Further education https://cqual.org/?post_type=epkb_post_type_1&p=1067&preview=true</p>