Qualification title	Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants – Equine
Qualification level	2
Qualification number	Ofqual: QiW:

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?	The Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants – Equine qualification aims to prepare and support students for a career as a veterinary nursing assistant. All units will be taught in the context of equines (horses, ponies, donkeys). This qualification provides a progression pathway to the CQ Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing
Are there any entry requirements?	There are no formal entry requirements for this award, although it is recommended that learner's study for functional skills Level 2 Numeracy and Literacy if these, or equivalent, have not been achieved. This qualification requires the acquisition of skills and competency and as such requires a work placement in a veterinary care environment.
What are the key purposes of the qualification?	The key purposes of the qualification are: • 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
What does this qualification cover?	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. 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 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.

What are the units within the syllabus?	• Workplace legislation and infection control • Equine husbandry and enrichment • Equine health and welfare • Basic anatomy and physiology • Patient care • Principles of veterinary nursing assistant support
How is the qualification assessed?	**Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:** • Assignments set by Central Qualifications and administered by Centres • Multiple choice examination set and administered by Central Qualifications **Practical skills will be assessed by:** • 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.

How is the qualification graded?	***Distinction***
	   ○ First time pass of 80% and above in all components of each theory examination
	   ○ Distinction in all assignments
	   ○ Completion of Central Skills Log
	
	Merit
	   ○ First time pass in all components of each theory examination
	   ○ Merit or above in all assignments
	   ○ Completion of Central Skills Log
	
	Pass
	   ○ Pass in each theory examination
	   ○ Pass in all assignments
	   ○ Completion of Central Skills Log

Who supports this qualification?	**Industry: https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-for-l2-dipvna-equine/?seq_no=2** **Further education: https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/further-education-support-for-l2-dipvna-equine/?seq_no=2**