

Qualification title	CQ Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant End Point Assessment
Qualification level	2
Qualification number	Ofqual: 610/3449/6

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW		
Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?	The CQ Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant EPA provide the final assessment for apprentices who have worked towards the ST0397 Apprenticeship Standard. Successful achievement of an overall pass grade or higher in the CQ Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant EPA will complete the apprenticeship and can provide progression onto other qualifications or within employment.	
Are there any entry requirements?	 Entry Requirements: Level 2 English and Mathematics. Entry Level 3 as a minimum with those with an EHCP (education, health and care plan) or legacy statement. British sign language qualification is an alternative to English with those whom this is their primary language Gateway Requirements: The minimum training time is 12 months working towards the apprenticeship standard Apprentices must complete their portfolio prior to taking their endpoint assessment. 	
What are the key purposes of the qualification?	The purpose of the End-Point Assessment is to test, in a synoptic way, the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the apprentice as set out in the apprenticeship standard to confirm that the apprentice is occupationally competent.	
How is the qualification assessed?	The End-Point Assessment consists of two components: A Practical Assessment an observation of the apprentice completing one practical assessment consisting of two tasks of practical skill in which the apprentices demonstrate their Skills, Behaviours and underlying knowledge. A Professional Discussion consisting of 10 set questions (6 core questions and 4 option questions) and portfolio review that will cover areas of underpinning and applied Knowledge, Skill and Behaviours. The portfolio will not be graded.	



How is the qualification graded?	O Completion of all pre-requisites before entering Gateway For the candidate to receive an overall Distinction grade all pass criteria and all distinction criteria in both the Professional and the Practical Assessment must be achieved. Pass Completion of all pre-requisites before entering Gateway For the candidate to receive an overall Pass grade all pass criteria in both the Professional and the Practical Assessment must be achieved. Results are capped at a Pass in the case of re-sits or re-takes and re-sits or re-takes are not allowed as a means of improving a grade.
Who supports this qualification?	Employers: https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeshipstandards/animal-care-and-welfare-assistant-v1-1 Further education: https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/further-education-provider-support-level-2-diploma-veterinary-nursing-assistant-small-animal/