

National Unit Specification: general information

UNIT	Estate Maintenance: An Introduction (Intermediate 1)
CODE	DV0A 10
COURSE	Rural Skills (Intermediate 1)

SUMMARY

This Unit is a mandatory Unit within the SPA in Rural Skills. It can also be delivered as a stand-alone Unit.

This Unit will be suitable for candidates who have limited or no knowledge of the craft practices in estate maintenance. The Outcomes require the candidate to identify and know the use of a variety of tools and equipment and then use these to undertake a range of estate maintenance tasks. The attainment of these skills is an essential requirement for progressing to higher level skills within this area.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Use tools and equipment commonly used in estate maintenance.
- 2 Carry out a range of estate maintenance tasks.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Access to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre.

CREDIT VALUE

1 credit at Intermediate 1 (6 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 4*).

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

Administrative Information

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CORE SKILLS

There is no automatic certification of Core Skills in this Unit.

Opportunities for developing aspects of Core Skills are highlighted in *Guidance on Learning and Teaching Approaches for this Unit*.

National Unit Specification: statement of standards

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Acceptable performance in this Unit will be the satisfactory achievement of the standards set out in this part of the Unit Specification. All sections of the statement of standards are mandatory and cannot be altered without reference to the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

OUTCOME 1

Use tools and equipment commonly used in estate maintenance.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Correct identification of tools and equipment.
- (b) Correct description of the common use of the tools and equipment in estate maintenance, including the requirement for PPE.
- (c) Basic handling of tools and operation of equipment.

Evidence Requirements

Written and/or oral evidence that satisfies Performance Criteria (a) and (b).

Satisfactory achievement of Performance Criteria on (c) will be based on the candidate satisfying the requirements of the performance evidence checklist.

The tools and equipment chosen for this Outcome will normally be selected from those required to carry out the tasks in Outcome 2. A minimum of 10 items of tools and equipment should be chosen.

OUTCOME 2

Carry out a range of estate maintenance tasks.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Correct selection of tools and equipment for the given task is correct.
- (b) The tasks are carried out appropriately and in accordance with safe working practices
- (c) Tools and equipment are cleaned and stored correctly.
- (d) The tasks are completed within a reasonable time and to a satisfactory standard.

Evidence Requirements

Satisfactory achievement of this Outcome will be based on the candidate satisfying the requirements of the performance evidence checklist.

Candidates must undertake a minimum of four estate maintenance tasks, one from each of the following groups:

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Fence and Wooden Structures

- ◆ replace broken stob
- ◆ retensioning of fence wire
- ◆ repair to gate
- ◆ repair to fence

Walls and Hard Surfaces

- ◆ repair to estate pathways
- ◆ repair to a section of dyke
- ◆ painting/whitewashing of estate buildings
- ◆ repair to path edgings

Plumbing/Drainage

- ◆ replace a tap or valve seal
- ◆ carry out repair to a plastic or alkathane pipe
- ◆ clean and/or repair a field drain outlet
- ◆ refit a water trough/tank ball-cock

Soft Landscaping

- ◆ carry out the maintenance of a lawn
- ◆ tie and stake a tree
- ◆ plant a container or bare root shrub
- ◆ prune an area of shrubs

National Unit Specification: support notes

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This part of the Unit Specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 40 hours.

GUIDANCE ON THE CONTENT AND CONTEXT FOR THIS UNIT

This Unit is designed to introduce the candidate to skills required by craft persons working in the rural skills industry. The Unit will focus on basic skills and associated tasks involved within the industry. It is envisaged that many candidates will have little or no experience of working with the range of tools and equipment. Underpinning knowledge of the practical skills is needed to ensure the candidate appreciates the reasons for carrying out the tasks in the manner directed and the reasons for using specific tools, equipment and personal protective equipment.

It is imperative that all activities are carried out in compliance with the relevant health and safety regulations.

Outcome 1

This Outcome requires the candidate to identify and describe the common use of tools and equipment used in estate maintenance. Tools and equipment that may be included are claw hammers, adjustable wrenches, spirit levels, wire cutters, saws, trowels, shovels, spades, pick axes, forks, mowers, pressure washers, secateurs etc.

This Outcome also covers the basic handling and operation of tools and equipment which candidates will need to demonstrate prior to being able to carry out the tasks covered in Outcome 2.

Outcome 2

This Outcome requires the candidate to carry out a range estate maintenance tasks as described in the Evidence Requirements. Emphasis should be placed on the importance of complying with all relevant Health and Safety requirements and on the appropriate use of PPE for all tasks.

The use of cement/concrete for repairs to hard surfaces should be encouraged.

Outcome 1–2

Health and Safety Regulations will include the HSAWA (Health and Safety at Work Act) and the COSHH (control of substances hazardous to health) regulations.

