

# Rural Skills

A Skills for Work Course leading to a National Qualification in Rural Skills is offered at Intermediate 1. Full details of the Course content and assessment arrangements are contained in the relevant Arrangements documents.

## Intermediate 1 Rural Skills (C239 10)

### Course outline

The Course is one of a range of new National Courses known as Skills for Work Courses. This Course has been designed to provide a broad basis for progression into further education and training in the land-based sector. It allows candidates to begin to develop some of the basic practical skills necessary to work in most of these disciplines as well as an opportunity to explore the very diverse employment prospects that exist.

This Course has a mandatory section consisting of:

- ◆ 2 x 40 hour Units
- ◆ 1 x 20 hour Unit

and an optional section which offers a choice of two routes, each of which has:

- ◆ 1 x 40 hour Unit
- ◆ 1 x 20 hour Unit

The mandatory Units are:

DV0A 10	Estate Maintenance: An Introduction	1 credit (40 hours)
DX0V 10	Land-based Industries: An Introduction	1 credit (40 hours)
DX0W 10	Employability Skills for Land-based Industries	0.5 credit (20 hours)

The optional Units are:

#### either

##### Option 1

DX0X 10	Animal Husbandry: An Introduction	1 credit (40 hours)
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DX0Y 10	Animal Handling: An Introduction	0.5 credit (20 hours)
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#### or

##### Option 2

DX12 10	Crop Production: An Introduction	1 credit (40 hours)
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#### and

DX13 10	Soft Landscaping: An Introduction	0.5 credit (20 hours)
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### Course assessment

There is no external assessment for this Course. To achieve the Course award the candidate must successfully achieve all the Units which make up the Course.

## **Assessment objectives**

Assessment is aimed at addressing the technical knowledge, skills and understanding associated with a range of land-based industries at Intermediate 1 level. In particular assessment will focus on:

- ◆ practical vocational skills
- ◆ skills for employment in a land-based industry context
- ◆ safe working practice