

SVQ 3 in Estate Management

SCQF Level 6 Code: GJ5C 23



Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) are work-based qualifications which confirm the levels of competence that have been achieved by workers in their particular field. They are an affirmation of a worker's ability to carry out their job role effectively and to the National Occupational Standards.

The SVQ in Estate Management will provide evidence that an individual has relevant skills in Estate Management, and enables them to show they are proficient in a range of land-based skills in addition to housing/tenancy related skills, Health and Safety and environmental good practice. This SVQ covers the job roles and functions carried out in the Estates industry and has been designed in conjunction with Lantra – the sector skills council for land-based and environmental industries, and with the support of Scottish Land and Estates.

The National Occupational Standards the SVQ is based on have been selected and agreed in consultation with employers and practitioners from across the wider land-based sector.

Why deliver this qualification?

- This qualification offers a valued career choice/pathway in the land-based sector
- Allows career progression and increase opportunities for those entering the sector
- Formalises knowledge and expertise and helps to up skill the current workforce
- Creates a new entry point to the industry
- Develops an understanding of the diverse skillsets needed to manage an estate and the challenges
- Underpins sustainable economic growth by providing a skilled workforce to support and develop rural communities to retain young people in the community.

Who does the qualification suit?

As this is a work-based award, this SVQ is suitable for individuals who are currently in employment and who wish to obtain a formal qualification or those who are on placement or working as a volunteer in an appropriate working environment.

This may include:

- Factors without a formal qualification
- Assistant Factors
- Land Agents
- Gamekeepers/Ghillies
- Forestry workers
- Agricultural/Rural Industry workers

Access

Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

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Progression

The level 3 SVQ could provide progression to:

- employment in the Estates sector
- HNC/HNDs in a range of land-based and related areas such as countryside management and environmental conservation and construction, particularly fencing/walling and repairs
- degree level study at a higher education institution

Approval

Centres with devolved authority for approval should use their own internal approval process.

Centres without devolved authority will have to come forward for approval and should contact SQA's Business Development Team for guidance.

Assessors and verifiers must be able to meet SQA's general requirements for technical/occupational competence as outlined in the Guide to Approval.

Qualification Structure

The SVQ 3 in Estate Management at SCQF level 6 consists of six mandatory Units and four optional Units. Mandatory Units:

- Identify and assess rural land use
- Identify rural business enterprise opportunities
- Provide leadership for your team
- Communicate in a business environment
- Consult and work with the local community
- Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security

How to access?

For general information on how to assess this qualification, please refer to the document Guidance on how to assess SVQs. For detailed guidance on how to assess this particular SVQ, please refer to the Assessment Strategy.

Scottish Land & Estates has been working closely with SQA to develop this new vocational award — SVQ in Estate Management. This qualification has been created in response to the changing employer needs and to ensure there are valued career opportunities in the rural sector.

The SVQ ensures that those with practical skills could progress to a supervisory role and, in addition, opportunities would be created for those wishing to transfer into the rural sector from other professions.

As this is a workplace-based qualification, it can allow a natural progression to a Modern Apprenticeship, if the student wants to develop further specialisms in a particular area.

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