

# Ascentis Level 1 Award and Certificate

in

## Introduction to Animal Care and Garden Horticulture

### Overview Specification



**These qualifications are being withdrawn. The last date of registration for learners is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 after which no further learners can be registered.**

**The certification end date is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026. If you require any further clarification, please email [development@ascentis.co.uk](mailto:development@ascentis.co.uk).**

**Ofqual Numbers:**

**Award: 603/5971/7**

**Certificate: 603/5972/9**

**Ofqual Start Date:**

**01/08/2020**

**Ofqual End Date:**

**31/07/2025**

**Ofqual Certification End Date:**

**31/07/2026**

# Qualification Overview

The Ascentis Level 1 Award and Certificate in Introduction to Animal Care and Garden Horticulture qualifications offer learners the opportunity to acquire knowledge and understanding that underpin skills in the principles of animal care and garden horticulture. There are a wide range of pathway to choose, giving the flexibility to develop individual routes tailored to specific interests and desired outcomes. These qualifications provide links between education and employment through the development of academic, practical and personal skills in work-related situations.

There are several features of these qualifications that make them very appropriate for their target learners:

- Unit certification is available for each of the units
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres
- They can be delivered either as classroom-based courses or as a blended learning programme
- Evidence can be generated within a wide range of organisational contexts, allowing the qualification to meet the specific occupational requirements of the learners

## Aims

The aims of the qualifications are to enable learners:

- 1 To gain skills, knowledge and understanding of the principles of animal care and garden horticulture
- 2 To provide the opportunity to progress to further education or employment in animal care or garden horticulture
- 3 To develop personal and employment skills in a wide range of contexts
- 4 To gain experience in a variety of specialist areas

## Target Group

These qualifications are aimed at young learners and adults who are interested in further study or employment in the animal care and/or garden horticulture industries.

## Regulation Codes

Ofqual Regulation Numbers:

Ascentis Level 1 Award in Introduction to Animal Care and Garden Horticulture: 603/5971/7

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## Assessment Method

All units are internally assessed through the learner building up a portfolio of evidence that covers the relevant assessment criteria, internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

## Resources to support the Delivery of the Qualification

Many Ascentis units include suggested content to support wider learning opportunities across three priority areas:

- Digital
- Well-being
- Sustainability.

They are not compulsory and do not form part of the assessment. They are suggestions for tutors who may wish to link the unit content into these areas to further support learner progression in education, training and work.

# Rule of Combination

## Rationale for the Rules of Combination

To achieve the Award and Certificate in Introduction to Animal Care and Garden Horticulture the learner must obtain a minimum of 7 credits for the Award and 21 credits for the Certificate. A minimum of 51% of credits must be taken at the level of the qualification

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Group A – Mandatory Units				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Principles of the Care of Animals	1	2	18	M/505/8575
Developing Skills in Garden Horticulture	1	3	27	T/504/2880
Group B – Optional Units				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Animal Care				
Developing Confidence Working with Animals	E3	3	30	R/504/9562
Recognise Types and Parts of the Body of Small Animals	E3	2	20	K/504/9566
Assist with Catching and Restraining a Small Animal	E3	2	20	K/505/8588
Check that a Small Animal is Healthy	E3	2	20	L/504/9561
Groom a Small Animal	E3	2	20	D/505/0777
Developing Confidence Working with Animals	1	3	27	J/506/0476
Assist with Maintaining the Health and Well-Being of Animals	1	6	54	L/505/0726
Assist with Animal Accommodation	1	2	18	T/505/8612
Assist with Feedstuffs for Small Animals	1	2	18	H/505/3051
Assist with the Care of Animals	1	2	18	A/505/8613
Environmental Conservation				
Understanding Ecology and Conservation	1	3	27	Y/505/6576
History				
Discover Local History	E3	3	30	A/505/3606

<b>Horticulture and Forestry</b>				
Developing an Awareness of Soil Types and Garden Habitats	E3	3	30	D/505/6451
Developing Skills for Using and Maintaining Garden Tools	E3	3	30	D/505/6465
Clearing and Weeding a Garden	E3	2	20	F/505/0397
Sowing and Growing Plants	E3	3	30	K/505/3195
Amenity Horticulture Skills	E3	3	30	K/505/8929
Introduction to Propagation of Plants	E3	3	30	Y/505/3211
Introduction to Cultivating Plant Cuttings	E3	3	30	A/504/5330
Introduction to Garden Maintenance Skills	E3	3	30	T/505/8786
Getting to Know Woodlands	E3	3	30	M/505/6468
Planting in a Container	E3	3	30	D/505/0407
Recognise Trees and Plants and their Importance to Wildlife	E3	2	20	H/504/9565
Sowing and Growing Techniques	1	3	27	H/505/8797
Organic Horticulture	1	3	27	L/505/0600
Cultivating Compost and Soils	1	3	27	L/506/1015
Cultivating Herbs	1	3	27	R/503/2714
Using an Ordnance Survey Map	1	2	18	F/505/8631
<b>Personal Skills</b>				
Teamwork Skills	E3	2	20	R/505/5698
Living in the Community	E3	3	30	R/505/8598
Understand How to Look After Personal Health and Hygiene	1	1	9	J/504/1152
Health and Safety in a Practical Environment	1	1	9	J/504/9364
Developing Practical Skills and Techniques	1	3	27	Y/617/2905
<b>Angling</b>				
The Angling Environment	1	3	27	D/506/4713
Developing Angling Skills	1	3	27	J/505/8629

**PLEASE NOTE:** Units with the same title at different levels are barred.

Unit certification is available for all units.

## Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 1 Award is 70.

The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 1 Certificate is 210.

## Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for the Level 1 Award is 70.

The total qualification time for the Level 1 Certificate is 210.

## Age Range of Qualification

These qualifications are suitable for young people aged 14–19 and adult learners

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