Occupational Map: Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care

This is one of 15 occupational maps that group together occupations that require similar knowledge, skills and behaviours. Career pathways and occupational clusters have been used to provide further grouping of occupations, with the pathways indicating options for likely career progression. Every apprenticeship standard has been captured, as well as other skilled occupations where there is a substantial requirement for technical knowledge and practical skills. This map has been split into two career pathways: animal care and management; and agriculture, land management and production. Both pathways have been split into further occupational clusters.

Occupations in green: approved for delivery
Occupations in amber: standard published
Occupations in red: standard in development
Occupations in black: proposed standard

(): the number shown in brackets is the level of the

apprenticeship (if the level is known)

Career pathway

Technical Occupations

Technical occupations: skilled occupations that a college leaver or an apprentice would be entering, that typically require qualifications at levels 2/3.



Higher Technical Occupations

Higher Technical occupations: require more knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the workplace or further technical education. They typically require qualifications at levels 4/5.



Professional Occupations

Professional occupations: occupations where there is a clear career progression from higher technical occupations, as well as those occupations where a degree apprenticeship exists.

Click here for more information on the occupations listed in this map

Animal Care and Management

Cluster: Animal Care and Welfare Assistant

Routine and detailed care, handling and training of animals.

Animal Care and Welfare Assistant (2):

- Animal interaction and handling
- Breeding
- Movement and transportation
- Operation/reception duties
- Rehoming
- Veterinary care support
- Wildlife rehabilitation
- Working dog handler
- Zoos, Aquaria and Exotics

Dog Groomer

Veterinary nurse (3)

Cluster: Animal Care Specialist

Active management of the welfare of animals including making care/health interventions usually under supervision.

Animal Health Inspector

Animal trainer (4)

Animal therapist

Veterinary practice manager

Zoo keeper

Cluster: Animal Care Professional

Make proactive and specialist interventions for the overall health and well-being of animals

Animal nutritionist

Animal physiotherapist

Wildlife rehabilitator

Zoo curator

Veterinary Surgeon

Cluster: Equine Groom/Farrier

Day-to-day welfare, health (including breeding) and training (riding, racing and driving) of horses.

Equine groom (2):

- Breeding
- Driving
- Non-riding
- Racing
- Riding

Senior Equine groom (3):

- Breeding

Cluster: Equine Specialist

Maintain and sustain the welfare, health and training of horses along with the management of discrete facilities.

Assistant trainer

Course builder

Stud manager

Yard manager

Cluster: Equine Professional

Leadership and management of the welfare, health and training of horses including specialist equine health delivery.

Bloodstock agent

Course designer

Equine dentist

Equine nutritionist

Equine physiotherapist

Horse breeder

Horse trainer

Performance analyst

- Driving
- Non-riding
- Racing
- Riding

Farrier (3)

Agriculture, Land Management and Production

Cluster: Agricultural Operative/Technician

Undertake largely routine arable and livestock tasks with some specialisation in either area.

Crop technician (3): soil based system

- Container based system
- Soil based system

Fisheries technician

Fisherman

Poultry worker (2) options include

- Breeding
- Egg production
- Grow out
- Hatching
- Rearing

Poultry technician (3) options include:

- Breeding
- Egg production
- Growing
- Hatchery
- Rearing

Stockperson (Beef, Pigs, Sheep, Dairy) (2)

- Beef
- Dairy
- Pigs
- Sheep

Cluster: Agricultural Manager

Management of a whole agriculture enterprise or specific sections of an enterprise (e.g. livestock, fisheries, viticulture)

Farm enterprises manager

Fisheries manager

Livestock agent

Viticulture and oenology manager

Cluster: Agricultural Professional

Provide expert technical support to agricultural business.

Agronomist

Aquaculture manager

Breeding advisor

Farm animal nutritionist

Farm manager

Farms advisor

Farms inspector

Fisheries inspector

Cluster: Arboriculture and Forestry Operative

APPRENTICESHIP ONLY. Full range of routine work to layout, plant, maintain and harvest woodland.

Arborist (2)

Forest operative (2):

- Harvesting
- Establishment/maintenance

Cluster: Arboriculture and Forestry Manager

Supervise and manage woodland including both surveying and regulatory work.

Forest manager / officer (4)

Site works supervisor

Cluster: Arboriculture and Forestry Professional

Overall management of a tree collection, tree teams (including volunteers), operations, planting and the wider use of woodlands by the community.

Arboretum curator

Aboricultural consultant

Tree surgeon

Cluster: Production Horticulture Operative/Technician

Propagation, production, preparation and delivery/distribution of plants and plant materials for food, non-food and therapeutic human use.

Crop technician (3):

- Container based system
- Soil based system

Floristry (2)

Packhouse line leader (3)

Cluster: Landscape Horticulture Operative/Technician

The design, construction and maintenance of gardens, designed landscapes and sports turf facilities for private, commercial and community use.

Advanced golf greenkeeper (3)

Garden designer

Golf greenkeeper (2)

Greenspace officer

Horticulture and landscape operative (2):

- Horticulture
- Landscape construction

Sports turf operative (2)

Cluster: Conservation and Countryside Worker

Work in and maintain the countryside and waterways paying significant attention to the environment and heritage issues.

Archaeological Technician (3)

Countryside worker (2)

Waterways operative

Cluster: Production Horticulture Manager

Identification, allocation and management of resources to enable the propagation, production, preparation, delivery/distribution of plants and plant material for food, nonfood and therapeutic human use.

Cluster: Production Horticulture Professional

Plant breeder

Cluster: Landscape Horticulture Manager

The identification, allocation and management of resources to enable the design, construction and maintenance of gardens, designed landscapes and sports turf facilities for private, commercial and community use.

Golf course manager (5)

Greenspace manager
Landscape technician

Cluster: Landscape Horticulture Professional

Golf course designer Landscape architect Landscape manager

Cluster: Conservation and Countryside Specialist

Management, maintenance and protection of the countryside, wider environment and waterways.

Conservation technician

Environmental protection officer

Cluster: Conservation and Countryside Professional

Manage tracts of the countryside, whole estates, national parks and waterways often using specialist environmental and ecological knowledge.

Ecologist (degree) (7)

Environmental impact assessor

Environmental manager (degree) (7)

Estate manager

land agent

National Park/nature reserve warden

Cluster: Game and Pest Control Technician

Active and practical management of all wildlife and flora, some of which is unwanted, with a high regard to health and safety.

Pest control technician (2)

Underkeeper (2)

Cluster: Game Manager

Provide advice and manage all aspects of game, habitat and shooting.

Game manager

Cluster: Pest Control Professional

Management and regulation of pest control activities.

Pest control inspector

Agricultural Engineering Operative/Technician

Maintain, repair and service agricultural engineering plant and equipment.

Land-based service engineer (2) Land-based service engineering technician (3)

Agricultural Engineering Manager
Manage local support and supply of parts for agricultural plant and equipment.

Agricultural diagnostic technician

Agricultural Engineering Professional

Manage the sale, maintenance and support of agricultural plant and equipment.

Agricultural dealership professional Agricultural depot manager **Agricultural Engineer** Mechanisation manager