



Level 1 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling  
Level 2 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling  
Level 3 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling

## **Qualification Specification**

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# Qualification Specification

## Lantra Awards Levels 1, 2 and 3 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling

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# 1 Why have these qualifications been developed?

The Lantra Award Level 1, 2 and 3 Certificates in Dry Stone Walling are nationally recognised qualifications that have been developed to reflect the national standards for the types of roles that learners can perform. The qualifications are suitable for those entering work, those who have established themselves in a role and those who wish to progress onto more advanced skills areas.

The qualifications have been developed to address the skills shortages within this area of activity and in doing so ensure that there are sufficient number of appropriately qualified dry stone wallers in the future. This, in turn contributes towards the continuation of this traditional construction craft and to the conservation of the landscape.

The dry stone walling qualifications will improve awareness of the importance of safe working practices and regard for the preservation of wildlife and habitat as well as developing practical skills in dry stone walling.

Level 1 prepares learners to rebuild gaps in free standing dry stone walls and undertake basic walling. Achievement of Level 1 prepares learners to progress to Level 2 skills.

Level 2 aims to further develop skills and knowledge to undertake most general walling work to a good standard, including the building of a cheekend. Achievement of Level 2 prepares learners to progress to Level 3 skills.

Level 3 develops the ability to build more advanced pieces of work with an emphasis on finish and quality, including the building of more complex special features such as retaining walls, high walls and curves.

## **The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS)**

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) keeps a database of people working in construction who have achieved or are committed to achieving a recognised construction related qualification.

Holding a CSCS card is not a legislative requirement. It is entirely up to the principal contractor or client whether workers are required to hold a card before they are allowed on site. However, most principal contractors and major house builders require construction workers on their sites to hold a valid CSCS card.

Card applicants need to prove they have the training and qualifications required to carry out their job and apply for the correct card for their occupation via the CSCS website. <https://www.cscs.uk.com>

## 2 Who are the qualifications for?

These qualifications have been developed to provide the skills, knowledge and understanding required to practice aspects of dry stone walling at a number of progressive levels and at each level have the opportunity to achieve a recognised national qualification. The qualifications will enhance the ability of those carrying out dry stone walling to work safely, effectively and efficiently in the workplace, reducing unnecessary risks to themselves and others.

The qualifications aim to fill the training gap in dry stone walling and are aimed at a wide range of learners. They may appeal to:

- Those interested in re-training for a new career, either to seek employment or become self employed
- Those undertaking voluntary work in relation to environmental conservation
- Those already practicing aspects of dry stone walling who would like to access a formal qualification
- Those who wish to pursue dry stone walling as a leisure activity for personal use within their own property
- Those wishing to apply for a CSCS card need to apply via the CSCS website.  
<https://www.cscs.uk.com>

These qualifications are available for learners starting from pre-16.

Where learners are under 16 consent to undertake the qualification will be required from a parent or guardian.

### 2.1 Prerequisites

The Level 1 and Level 2 Certificates in Dry Stone Walling are available to any individual who is capable of achieving the required standard for the level of qualification. The Level 3 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling is only available to those who have achieved the Level 2. Provider staff should understand the demands of these qualifications and match learners to the appropriate level of qualification based on their individual capabilities and future progression requirements.

These qualifications have been developed to promote equal opportunities by eliminating any avoidable barriers which have the potential to restrict access or progression.

### 3 What do these qualifications cover?

Learners undertaking these qualifications will be able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of dry stone walling. The qualifications have been devised with the aim of progressing learners into developing further skills relating to dry stone walling. The units have been devised to enable the learner to move through the levels of skill development to achieve or work towards achieving a national qualification.

The Level 1 Certificate in Dry Stone walling qualification aims to assess the learner's knowledge and understanding of:

- Health and Safety
- Prepare to Build a Dry Stone Wall
- Build and Pack Dry Stone Walls
- Using Copestones

The Level 2 Certificate in Dry Stone walling qualification aims to assess the learner's knowledge and understanding of:

- Health and Safety
- Prepare to Build a Dry Stone Wall
- Build and Pack Dry Stone Walls
- Using Copestones
- Building a Cheekend to a Dry Stone Wall

The Level 3 Certificate in Dry Stone walling qualification aims to assess the learner's knowledge and understanding of:

- Health and Safety
- Prepare to Build a Dry Stone Wall (level 2 unit)
- Building a Cheekend to a Dry Stone Wall (level 2 unit)
- Building a Retaining Dry Stone Wall
- Building a Curved Dry Stone Wall

Plus one of the following:

- Building a Dry Stone Wall on Sloping Ground
- Building a High Dry Stone Wall
- Incorporating a Lunkie Hole into a Dry Stone Wall

Following regulatory requirements for qualifications to have a distinct purpose, these qualifications are recognised and approved by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) for:

**Purpose:**

- B. Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

**Sub Purpose:**

- B2. Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

**3.1 Progression routes**

These qualifications have been designed so that one level provides progression into the next.

## 4 Qualification overview

					Where to look for further details
<b>Qualification title</b>	Lantra Awards Level 1 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling				Ofqual's Register of Regulatory Qualifications <a href="http://register.ofqual.gov.uk">register.ofqual.gov.uk</a>
<b>Qualification number</b>	500/7615/2				
<b>Qualification aim</b>	Learners will be able to rebuild gaps in free standing dry stone walls and undertake basic walling work.				
<b>Qualification purpose</b>	Level 1 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling prepares learners to rebuild gaps in free standing dry stone walls and undertake basic walling. Achievement of Level 1 prepares learners to progress to Level 2 skills.				
<b>Qualification start date</b>	01/12/2009				
<b>Level</b>	One				
<b>Credits</b>	13				
<b>GLH</b>	117 hours				
<b>TQT</b>	131 hours				
<b>Quartz ID numbers</b>	Mandatory units Unit 304 – Build and pack dry stone walls Unit 303 – Prepare and build a dry stone wall Unit 305 – Using copestones  Programme- 8  Qualification- 12				
<b>Unit numbers and titles</b>	Mandatory units A/600/1922 – Build and pack dry stone walls L/600/1925 – Prepare and build a dry stone wall F/600/1923 – Using copestones				
<b>Qualification structure</b>	This qualification comprises: 3 mandatory units Learners must complete the mandatory group requirements				
<b>Age group</b>	Pre-16	16–18	18+	19+	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Learners must be able to read and interpret information provided in English. It is recommended that learners have a basic knowledge of first-aid procedures.				



<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites	
<b>Recognition of prior learning</b>	None	
<b>Assessment methods</b>	There will be a mixture of practical observation of assessment activities and verbal questioning.	
<b>Assessment model</b>	<p>This qualification is internally assessed with external quality assurance. This means that providers will appoint assessors and that an internal quality assurer (IQA) is required to provide internal quality assurance prior to external quality assurer (EQA) sign off.</p> <p>Internal Standardisation meetings must be held regularly (at least one per year) to allow assessors and IQA's to compare and standardise judgements.</p> <p>EQA visits will take place giving providers 10 days advance warning of the visit. New providers and providers new to the qualification will be seen within the first year of offering the qualification. Standard visits will take place on a rolling basis every two to three years unless there are any concerns.</p> <p>Lantra operates both on site and postal external quality assurance for this qualification.</p>	
<b>Grading</b>	Pass/Fail	
<b>Is there a skills card available?</b>	No	Guidance Handbook for Providers
<b>Fees</b>	Registration and certification fees can be found in the Product Directory. Prices are subject to review on an annual basis so please contact the sales team if you do not have an up to date copy ( <a href="mailto:sales@lantra.co.uk">sales@lantra.co.uk</a> ).	Product Directory; sales team
<b>Related documents</b>	An Assessment Guidance Handbook and other assessment-related paperwork can be located within Quartzweb	
<b>How do I register learners?</b>	Via Quartzweb <a href="http://ordering.lantra.co.uk/Login.aspx">ordering.lantra.co.uk/Login.aspx</a>	Quartzweb User Guide

Where to look for further details

<b>Qualification title</b>	Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling				Ofqual's Register of Regulatory Qualifications <a href="http://register.ofqual.gov.uk">register.ofqual.gov.uk</a>
<b>Qualification number</b>	500/7446/5				
<b>Qualification aim</b>	Learners will be able to undertake most general walling work to a good standard, including the building of a cheekend.				
<b>Qualification purpose</b>	Level 2 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling further develops skills and knowledge to undertake most general walling work to a good standard, including the building of a cheekend. Achievement of Level 2 prepares learners to progress to Level 3 skills.				
<b>Qualification start date</b>	01/12/2009				
<b>Level</b>	Two				
<b>Credits</b>	19				
<b>GLH</b>	137 hours				
<b>TQT</b>	187 hours				
<b>Quartz ID numbers</b>	Mandatory units Unit 308 – Build and pack dry stone walls Unit 309 – Building a cheekend to a dry stone wall Unit 306 – Prepare to build a dry stone wall Unit 307 – Using copestones  Programme- 9  Qualification- 13				
<b>Unit numbers and titles</b>	Mandatory units K/600/2161– Build and pack dry stone walls L/600/2167 – Building a cheekend to a dry stone wall M/600/2162 – Prepare to build a dry stone wall A/600/2164 – Using copestones				
<b>Qualification structure</b>	This qualification comprises: 4 mandatory units Learners must complete the mandatory group requirements.				
<b>Age group</b>	Pre-16	16–18	18+	19+	
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<b>Entry requirements</b>	Learners must be able to read and interpret information provided in English. It is recommended that learners have a basic knowledge of first-aid procedures.				

<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites	
<b>Recognition of prior learning</b>	None	
<b>Assessment methods</b>	There will be a mixture of practical observation of assessment activities and verbal questioning.	
<b>Assessment model</b>	<p>This qualification is internally assessed with external quality assurance. This means that providers will appoint assessors and that an internal quality assurer (IQA) is required to provide internal quality assurance prior to external quality assurer (EQA) sign off.</p> <p>Internal Standardisation meetings must be held regularly (at least one per year) to allow assessors and IQA's to compare and standardise judgements.</p> <p>EQA visits will take place giving providers 10 days advanced warning of the visit. New providers and providers new to the qualification will be seen within the first year of offering the qualification. Standard visits will take place on a rolling basis every two to three years unless there are any concerns.</p> <p>Lantra operates both on site and postal external quality assurance for this qualification.</p>	
<b>Grading</b>	Pass/Fail	
<b>Is there a skills card available?</b>	No	Guidance Handbook for Providers
<b>Fees</b>	Registration and certification fees can be found in the Product Directory. Prices are subject to review on an annual basis so please contact the sales team if you do not have an up to date copy ( <a href="mailto:sales@lantra.co.uk">sales@lantra.co.uk</a> ).	Product Directory; sales team
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Where to look for further details

<b>Qualification title</b>	Lantra Awards Level 3 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling	Ofqual's Register of Regulatory Qualifications <a href="http://register.ofqual.gov.uk">register.ofqual.gov.uk</a>
<b>Qualification number</b>	500/7447/7	
<b>Qualification aim</b>	Learners will be able to produce more advanced pieces of work with an emphasis on finish and quality, including the building of more complex special features such as retaining walls, high walls and curves.	
<b>Qualification purpose</b>	Level 3 Certificate in Dry Stone Walling develops the ability to build more advanced pieces of work with an emphasis on finish and quality, including the building of more complex special features such as retaining walls, high walls and curves.	
<b>Qualification start date</b>	01/12/2009	
<b>Level</b>	Three	
<b>Credits</b>	28	
<b>GLH</b>	189 hours	
<b>TQT</b>	278 hours	
<b>Quartz ID numbers</b>	<p>Mandatory units</p> <p>Unit 306 – Prepare to build a dry stone wall (level 2 unit)</p> <p>Unit 309 – Building a cheekend to a dry stone wall (level 2 unit)</p> <p>Unit 775 – Building a retaining dry stone wall</p> <p>Unit 776 - Building a curved dry stone wall</p> <p>Optional units</p> <p>Unit 777 – Building a high dry stone wall</p> <p>Unit 778 – Building a dry stone wall on sloping ground</p> <p>Unit 779 – Incorporating a lunkie hole into a dry stone wall</p> <p>Programme- 10</p> <p>Qualification- 14</p>	
<b>Unit numbers and titles</b>	<p>Mandatory units</p> <p>M/600/2162 – Prepare to build a dry stone wall (level 2 unit)</p> <p>L/600/2167 – Building a cheekend to a dry stone wall (level 2 unit)</p> <p>A/600/2407 – Building a retaining dry stone wall</p> <p>J/600/2409 – Building a curved dry stone wall</p>	

	Optional units R/600/2414 – Building a high dry stone wall D/600/2416 – Building a dry stone wall on sloping ground A/600/2410 – Incorporating a lunkie hole into a dry stone wall				
<b>Qualification structure</b>	This qualification comprises: 4 mandatory units 1 optional unit. Learners must complete the mandatory group requirements and the correct combination of optional units.				
<b>Age group</b>	Pre-16	16–18	18+	19+	
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<b>Entry requirements</b>	Learners must be able to read and interpret information provided in English. It is recommended that learners have a basic knowledge of first-aid procedures.				
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites				
<b>Recognition of prior learning</b>	None				
<b>Assessment methods</b>	There will be a mixture of practical observation of assessment activities and verbal questioning.				
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