

Work-based Animal and Horse Care: Learning on-the-job

The College of Animal Welfare

Answered on video

- I am in Margate Kent, is this an area covered by the assessors?
- I'm currently completing my HND in animal welfare and behaviour and am going onto a top up. Can I go back afterwards and start again with different areas such as this in lower levels?
- What should I do if I want to do a level 2 in Animal care and welfare apprenticeship but there's no apprenticeships near me or I live too far from the CAW?
- I'm struggling to find a apprenticeship is there any tips.
- Do we have to have the placement sorted before applying? Or is that something you can help us with?
- I have a UK BA degree in Business and Management and currently work in a finance industry. Do I still need a Math qualification as I attended secondary school abroad with no formal overall exam in Math?
- The level 2 animal care work based says 12 months duration. Can this be completed sooner?
- Does fostering animals count towards your work experience hours, for the course?

Additional Q&As

Is there an age limit for the Apprenticeships?

From the course perspective there is none as long as employed in a suitable placement.

The apprentice needs to be living and working in England, and be over 16. There is no upper age limit - as a side note, the apprenticeship wage is currently £4.15* an hour, and stays this for the first year of an apprenticeship regardless of the apprentices age. It will then increase after a year based on their age bracket, but can be a big factor for older applicants looking to do an apprenticeship.

They also cannot be completing another course that is funded by the government at the same time, such as a degree or another apprenticeship, and cannot apply for one in the same subject that they have studied before - e.g. if someone has done a L2 diploma in Animal Care, they probably won't meet the criteria to do the Level 2 Animal care and Welfare apprenticeship

*As of January 2021. Please visit www.gov.uk for updated figures.

