

Title of the qualification (FI, SV)
<p><i>Luontoalan ammattitutkinnon perusteet</i> <i>Yrkesexamen inom naturbranschen</i></p> <p><i>Qualification requirements entered into force on 01.08.2018 (OPH-849-2018)</i></p>

Translated title of the qualification (EN)
<p><i>Further Vocational Qualification in Nature-based Services</i></p>
<p>This translation has no legal status.</p>

Profile of skills and competences
<p>Composition of the qualification</p> <p>The scope of the further vocational qualification in nature-based services is 150 competence points. The qualification comprises three competence areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competence area in wilderness and nature guide services, Wilderness and Nature Guide • Competence area in nature-based products, Nature-based Product Processor. If the student selects the competence area of acting as a natural products adviser, the qualification title will be Nature-based Product Adviser. • If the student selects the competence area of game management, the qualification title will be Game Manager. <p>The unit compulsory for all candidates in the further vocational qualification in nature-based services is Productisation of nature (20 competence points).</p> <p>The compulsory unit of the competence area in wilderness and nature guide services is Operating in wilderness and natural environments (40 competence points). In addition, the candidates must complete optional units adding up to a total of 90 competence points, with at least one unit selected from group 1 of optional units.</p> <p>The compulsory unit of the competence area in nature-based products is Harvesting natural products (40 competence points). In addition, the candidates must complete optional units adding up to a total of 90 competence points, with at least one unit selected from group 1 of optional units for this competence area.</p> <p>The compulsory unit of the competence area in game management is Managing game (40 competence points). As an optional unit, the candidates must complete the unit Providing hunting services (30 competence points) or Captive breeding of game (30 competence points), or both. The candidates must also complete other optional units, adding up to a total qualification scope of 150 competence points.</p> <p>Vocational skills and competences required for completion of the qualification</p> <p>Holders of a further vocational qualification in nature-based services have mastered the productisation process of nature-based services or products. They know how to apply their knowledge of nature and operate in the natural environment. They have an entrepreneurial approach and know how to manage customer service situations.</p> <p>Wilderness and Nature Guides who have completed the <i>competence area in wilderness and nature guide services</i> know how to operate in wilderness and natural environments, plan and prepare their activities as a guide and guide customer groups in nature, apply their knowledge of the natural world, and see to the group's safety.</p>

Nature-based Product Processors who have completed the *competence area in nature-based products* know how to harvest natural products and process them into foods or well-being and other products. Nature-based Product Advisers who have completed the competence area in nature-based products are able to harvest nature-based products and provide business and consumer advice in the nature-based products sector.

Game Managers who have completed the *competence area in Game management* are adept at game management tasks and familiar with game populations in their operating area. They know how to look after game habitats and carry out captive breeding of game or provide hunting services.

Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate	
Holders of a further vocational qualification in nature-based services may work as leaders of wilderness and nature programmes, excursions and hikes, process or provide advice on nature-based products, work in game management, or provide hunting services. Qualification holders may operate as entrepreneurs or be employed by companies, organisations, or the public sector.	
Official basis of the certificate	
Name and status of the body awarding the certificate An education provider with an authorisation to provide education and award qualifications granted by the Ministry of Education and Culture.	Name and status of the national/regional authority providing accreditation/recognition of the certificate Ministry of Education and Culture Finnish National Agency for Education, the national agency subordinate to the Ministry of Education and Culture
Level of the certificate (national or international) National Qualifications Framework (nqf) 4 European Qualifications Framework (eqf) 4	Grading scale/Pass requirements pass/fail
Access to the next level of education/training The qualification confers eligibility for higher education studies.	International agreements
Legal basis Vocational Education and Training Act 531/2017 and the decrees that complement it.	

Officially recognised ways of obtaining the certificate
The vocational skills required for completing the modules are demonstrated by performing practical tasks in authentic situations and work processes (demonstration of knowledge and skills). The student's knowledge and skills are assessed diversely by a teacher and a working life representative and compared to the competence defined in the qualification requirements. The education provider awards the student a qualification certificate once the qualification has been completed acceptably in accordance to the qualification requirements laid down by the Finnish National Agency for Education.
Entry requirements No formal qualifications are required to take the competence test.
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Explanatory note

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council

Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/613/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers.

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