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601/1070/3 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills

Who is this qualification aimed at?

This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to start a career within the horticultural industry. This is a very practical qualification and focusses on the skills necessary to progress into a career in horticulture.

This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed.

What does this qualification cover?

There are no compulsory topics that you will need to complete. This qualification contains a very wide range of optional subjects in areas that could include:

- lay hard surfaces for external landscaping
- assess soil texture and condition
- plant a tree
- plant a container for seasonal display
- prune deciduous spring-flowering shrubs
- maintain indoor plants
- prune soft fruit bushes and cane fruits
- propagate plants by stem cuttings
- repair damaged turf
- use a pedestrian controlled rotary cultivator
- identify plants by botanical name
- identify damage caused by plant pests.

Centres and providers may work with local employers who can contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers may provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for training on the job or specialist further study.

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

The qualification could lead to employment opportunities in the following types of businesses:

- gardening business
- garden centre



- nursery
- private or public garden
- local authority
- park.

You could get a job working as a:

- gardener
- garden centre worker
- nursery worker
- parks worker.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You could progress to other qualifications in Horticulture at Level 3, or to the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (which could be taken alone or as part of an Apprenticeship).

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

There is a smaller Award and a Certificate in Practical Horticulture Skills. However, this qualification allows you to develop more of the practical skills required by employers in the horticultural industry. The qualification enables you to choose from a wide range of topics/skills allowing you to progress onto employment or further learning at Level 3. This qualification could be taken as part of a full-time one year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time. It could also be studied for on a part-time basis.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by:

The British Association of Landscape Industries
The British Growers Association
Longstock Park Nursery (part of the Waitrose Farm, Leckford Estates)

THIS IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.

For further information on this qualification please go to:

http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Land_Based_Services/Horticulture/7573/7573_Level_2/Centre_documents/7573-02_L2_Award_Certificate_Diploma_Qualification_handbook_v4.pdf