

## Declared Purpose:

*The following purpose is for the Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture 0078-03 (QAN no: 500/8385/5). This is a Technical Level Qualification.*

**This level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture is a qualification aimed at providing you with a range of practical skills and knowledge. This will help you to seek employment or progress into further training within the Horticulture Industry.**

Who is this qualification for?	<p>It is for someone who works or wants to work in the Horticulture Industry.</p> <p>The recommended entry requirements are the level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Horticulture and/or previous practical experience within a Horticultural environment.</p>
What does the qualification cover?	<p>The learner will need to complete about 7 units (depending on which ones are selected) to successfully gain this qualification.</p> <p>The qualification includes a large number of units covering a range of topics.</p> <p>The mandatory units that everyone is required to take are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Science</li> <li>• Soil Science</li> </ul> <p>There are 38 optional units that you can choose from which allow you to pick areas of interest such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Propagation</li> <li>• Organic Crop Production</li> <li>• Interior Plant Displays</li> <li>• Maintain Turf in Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Selection and Use of Ornamental Plants</li> <li>• Garden Design Briefs</li> <li>• Construct and Establish Sports and Amenity Turf Areas</li> <li>• Identification, Planting and Care of Trees</li> <li>• Manage Sports Turf Surfaces</li> </ul> <p>You can also pick more general units such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Management</li> <li>• Investigative Project.</li> </ul>

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For all units you will study both the practical and the knowledge on

why you need to do and know certain things. You will get the chance to study different areas that really interest you especially through the Investigative Project.

The Subsidiary Diploma is part of a larger suite of Horticulture qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one A Level. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It allows progression into a number of employment opportunities and can be taken alongside other relevant qualifications such as Level 2 GCSEs in English and/or Maths, or Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology of related subjects.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector to ensure that it equips learners with the right skills and knowledge to be able to gain employment either directly or following further studies. You may wish to take extra units and progress onto a Diploma or Extended Diploma in Horticulture.

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What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

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The qualification allows you to progress into employment.

You might progress into work as a:

- Production Horticulture Worker/Manager
- Assistant Green keeper
- Assistant Estates Manager
- Park keeper
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Assistant Racecourse Manager
- Garden centre Manager
- Grounds Maintenance Worker

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture, which allows you to combine working for a Golf Course or a similar job, and typically attending one day a week at College or with a Training Provider.

You might want to go on to Higher Education. The following Higher Education Institutes recognise that this qualification fulfils the requirements for entry onto a range of HE programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications):

- University of Portsmouth
- Myerscough College
- Reaseheath College

You can go on to study subjects such as:

- FdSc Horticulture
  - BSc (Hons) Horticulture
  - FdSc Sports Turf
  - BSc (Hons) Sports Turf Science & Management
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- Garden Design FdSc
- Garden Design – top up BSc (Hons)

This qualification carries 40 to 140 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link: <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables>

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Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/land-based-services/horticulture/0078-horticulture>