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City & Guilds

500/8576/1 City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture

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 qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or older. There are no prior qualifications needed. You will need to be able to do work experience in the horticultural industry for a minimum of 150 hours.

What does this qualification cover?

There are two compulsory topics that you will need to complete:

- work-related experience in the land-based industries
- establish and maintain plants outdoors.

You then need to take further optional topics, which could include the following areas:

- understand the basic principles of plant science
- understand the basic principles of soil science
- setting out from a plan
- construct and maintain garden fences
- construct alpine and water features
- construct landscape foundations and surfaces
- contribute to establishing and maintaining amenity turf
- contribute to fruit and vegetable cultivation.

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?

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

- gardening business
- landscaping business
- nursery
- park
- private or public garden
- local authority.

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?

City & Guilds offers two sizes of qualification in Horticulture: Extended Certificate and Diploma. You are likely to take the Extended Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the basic skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Extended Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study. You are likely to take the Diploma if you want to specialise, to develop more of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the horticultural industry. The Diploma is likely to 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.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by:

British Association of Landscape Industries
British Growers Association
Longstock (part of the Waitrose Farm, Leckford Estate)

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/0078/0078_Level_2/Centre_documents/0078-02_L2_Qualification_handbook_v2.pdf

