

## Declared Purpose:

*The following purpose is for the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma in Horticulture 0078-03 (QAN no: 600/6115/7). This is a Technical Level Qualification.*

**This level 3 90-Credit 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.**

<p>Who is this qualification for?</p>	<p>It is for someone who works or wants to work within 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>
<p>What does the qualification cover?</p>	<p>The learner will need to successfully complete 9 or 10 units (depending on which ones are selected) to gain this qualification.</p> <p>The 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 optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Turf Management</li> <li>• Landscape and Garden Design</li> <li>• Plant Propagation Activities</li> <li>• Maintenance of Plant Displays</li> <li>• Advanced Nursery Stock Production</li> <li>• Plant Health and Protection</li> <li>• Site Surveying, Levelling and Setting Out</li> <li>• Selection and Use of Ornamental Plants</li> <li>• Landscape and Garden Design</li> <li>• Advanced Horticultural Science</li> </ul> <p>For all units you will study both practical and theory based methods. You will learn how to carry out techniques and why you need to do and know certain things.</p> <p>The 90-Credit Diploma is part of a larger suite of Horticulture</p>

qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to one and a half A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered over one year at College. It could be taken post-16 as a stand alone Level 3 one year course with a view to progressing to an apprenticeship, or it could be taken alongside other relevant Level 3 qualifications, such as A Levels in Biology or 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 want to take a further 3 or 4 units to achieve a Diploma, or 9 or 10 to achieve an Extended Diploma, over another year.

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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 the following roles:

- Production Horticulture Worker/Manager
- Assistant Greenkeeper/Groundsman
- 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, such as A Levels):

- Myerscough College
- Reaseheath College
- University of Portsmouth

You can go on to study subjects such as:

Horticulture Foundation Degree  
BSc (Hons) Horticulture  
Foundation Degree in Sports Turf  
BSc (Hons) Sports Turf Science & Management  
FdSc Garden Design  
Garden Design – top up BSC (Hons)

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This qualification carries 60 to 210 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>